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PREFACE

PURPOSE AND PLAN

This is a spelling book pure and simple, designed for use in all the grades or years of school work above the third.[1] It has been arranged on a definite psychological plan, based upon an examination of the schools of nearly all the large cities of the country and upon a careful study of the actual spelling of more than 33,000 pupils.

The characteristic features of the book are:

1. The careful grading of the work in accordance with the natural growth of the child's comprehension; the words selected for each successive year being on a somewhat more mature mental plane.
2. The precedence given to common words.
3. The small number of words as compared with the ground covered.
4. The provision made for thorough drill, by means of constant reviews.

GRADING

As the book is graded upon the plan of postponing the presentation of a word until it has become familiar to the pupil, the study of the meaning of words is rendered practically unnecessary.

Another result of the plan of grading is to obviate largely the necessity for the study of pronunciation. Drill in pronunciation is needed on such words only as are liable to be mispronounced; and these — a comparatively small number in the case of familiar words — are indicated by daggers (†) in the text, and placed together syllabified and marked at the end of each year's work. Other words have not been divided into syllables; for, as my tests have shown that such division is

[1] The work for the first three years is given in the author's "Rational Spelling Book, Part I."

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of no advantage, it has been thought best to lead the pupil to learn the words as they are used in life.

The system of grading adopted has served also to reduce the number of words in the book — as explained in another paragraph.

SELECTION OF WORDS

The words have been selected, primarily, with reference to their use in ordinary affairs; and the suggestion is offered that the time devoted to spelling *as such* be given to the words of the book in their order of presentation. Words not found in the spelling book, or arising in the classroom before they have been reached in the book, should be taught incidentally, and only when the pupil has occasion to use them in written work.

If the words for the spelling exercises are selected from the school work rather than from the whole language,— a custom followed in some schools, — the instruction in spelling, from the standpoint of orthography, is necessarily unsystematic and directed to the vocabulary of the schoolroom rather than to that of the ordinary affairs of life. Furthermore, it is not reasonable to suppose that words selected at random by the teacher — a plan pursued in other schools — can so fully meet the demands of later life as those carefully selected and graded after a discriminating consideration of every word in the language. Moreover, it is only by means of a rational sequence in the order of presentation that justice in the matter of common words can be done to those children who are obliged to leave school before the end of the course.

NUMBER OF WORDS

That the ground covered is much larger than is indicated by the number of words in the book, is due to the exclusion of many classes of words that require no special drill.

An effort has been made to exclude all words containing no real orthographical difficulty.

To a very large extent, derivative words formed according to rule have been omitted. This implies, of course, that the rules themselves must be thoroughly learned. While it is true that the study of rules is to a certain extent mechanical, yet the amount of mechanical work therein involved is very

small as compared with that required in studying individually all the words to which they apply. When the rules are understood only the exceptional words need be studied individually, and these at the time they occur in the regular course.

There are in all not more than three classes of rules calling for careful study; and these are presented in a very simple form on pages 127, 128. The words to which they apply reach far into the thousands; but the exceptions among common words do not exceed a score. The belief that rules are not worth studying, on the ground that they are all offset by exceptions, is, therefore, not well founded.

While it would be absurd to expect the pupil to grasp these rules in the course of a week or a month, it is equally absurd to imagine that he cannot learn and apply them when they are called to his attention day after day for several years, in accordance with the plan pursued in this work.

Further, an abridgment of the course has naturally resulted from the system of grading employed. According to this system, as has been indicated, the spelling of a word should be studied only after its use and meaning are known to the pupil. It has been found, however, that very many words belonging to the maturer years are so easy to spell that, when the proper time for their introduction arrives, drill on them is no longer required. Consequently, those words have been entirely omitted which, from a psychological standpoint, belong to a high grade, while, orthographically, their grading should be low. The number of words thus naturally excluded, and without detriment to the course, is very large.

The system which does not call for the spelling of a word until its meaning is understood, may perhaps be said to close at the end of the seventh year, when the words of the ordinary vocabulary have for the most part become exhausted. For this reason words may be found in the eighth year's list which some might consider beyond the pupil. The words in the supplementary list are not intended for the elementary schools.

A careful selection of geographical names, difficult to spell, will be found on pages 123–126. They cover the entire field. That the number of these words is small is due to the fact that nearly all the names of important places are easy to spell.

ARRANGEMENT OF WORDS

The book has been divided into lessons, each of which represents an entire week's work — not counting the reviews and special lists. The number of words in a lesson varies from 15 to 24. Frequently, words are repeated at the end of the lesson with derivatives, for practice in the application of the rules.

With certain exceptions, the arrangement of the lists has been guided either by orthographical analogy or by the meaning of the words. The arrangement by analogy, it is believed, will render the study of new words very easy. But, to obviate the objection that has been made to such an order, — namely, that spelling thus learned is quickly forgotten, — many of the words are repeated in reviews, so that, when they have once been memorized, the aid of analogy is withdrawn.

REVIEWS

The provisions for reviews are numerous.

In the fourth and fifth years, as in Part I, most of the words appearing in the columns are immediately repeated in sentences; and every fifth lesson is devoted to a review of the more difficult words — alphabetically arranged — contained in the four preceding lessons. At the end of the fourth year will be found a review of the most difficult words in Part I.

After the fifth year, the sentences are omitted, but provision is made for the review of the most difficult words at the end of every sixth lesson.

At the end of each year's work, throughout the book, will be found an alphabetical list of many of the difficult words on all the preceding pages.

In conclusion, the suggestion is offered that not more than fifteen minutes daily be devoted to spelling, including both study and recitation. As I have shown elsewhere, additional time given to the subject is not rewarded by additional return.[1]

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[1] See "The Futility of the Spelling Grind," in *The Forum* for April and June, 1897.

FOURTH YEAR

1

contain	detain	speed	service
complain	explain	greet	deserve
drain	vain	speech	observe
remain	weep	serve	preserve

The train, while going at full speed, ran into a car containing a great many people. The men in charge tried in vain to preserve order, as the weeping women did not give them a chance to explain matters. They were detained only a little while. Those who had worked at the cars were greeted with cheers for the service they had done.

deserve – deserving [1a] observe – observing [1a]
try – trying [3a] try – tried [3a]

2

verse	search	auburn	level
refer	firm	murder	novel
prefer	mirth	murmur	morsel
earthquake	shirk	occur [2a]	parcel

Has a search been made for the missing parcel?

Before the earthquake occurred, a murmuring noise was heard.

We must not shirk our work, although we may prefer to play.

The beggar did not have a morsel of food for breakfast.

The recital of the comic verses created much mirth.

refer – referring [2a] prefer – preferred [2a]

NOTE. — The marks, 1 *a*, 2 *a*, 3 *a*, etc., indicate the rules on pages 127, 128, which should be studied in connection with these words.

3

image	village	principal	mixture
courage	wedge	student	fixture
mucilage	charge	absent	nature †
message	plunge	regular †	lecture †

The principal of the village school sent a message to the absent scholar.

The young student showed courage when he plunged into the river after the drowning child.

Mucilage is a mixture of gum and water.

A lecture on nature study was given to the teachers at their last regular meeting.

charge – charging [1a] plunge – plunging [1a]
study – studying [8a] study – studied [8a]

4

session	alphabet	quire	arrange
trial	capital	margin	dictation
punctual †	period	eraser	quotation
exercise	pause	alter	penmanship

If we are careful in our dictation exercises, we need not use an eraser to alter what we have written. We must not forget to begin sentences with capital letters, nor to put periods in their proper places. Sometimes it is hard to use quotation marks correctly. Well-arranged papers and good penmanship will help the teacher in correcting the work.

The morning session begins punctually at nine o'clock.

care – careful * arrange – arranging [1a]

* The suffix *ful* has only one *l*.

† This sign indicates words liable to be mispronounced. See page 28.

5

impudent	distant	important	relative
violent	instant	vacant	destructive
different	elegant	positive	sensitive
excellent	pleasant	active	expensive

The two brothers have quite different natures. One is impudent, and has a violent temper; the other is always pleasant.

That elegant house would not have been vacant so long if it had been less expensive.

The man has received an important message from his relatives, who live in a distant town.

6

action	condition	relation	selection
motion	position	donation	direction
mention	reception	collection	election
attention	invitation	objection	section

Did you get an invitation to the church reception? Some pretty selections will be played on the organ. There will be a fine collection of pictures in one section of the building.

Are you going in my direction? We can go together, if you have no objection.

Pay attention to the position of your body while writing.

7 (Review)

arrange	important	pleasant	sensitive
courage	morsel	positive	service
different	mucilage	punctual	session
excellent	murmur	regular	speech
exercise	parcel	search	village

8

travel	valise	tunnel	vessel
traveler	satchel	cabin	canoe
passenger	baggage	passage	anchor
distance	locomotive	voyage	crew

When the traveler from the West reached New York, his baggage was taken to the vessel on which he had engaged passage for Europe. His valise was put into his cabin. After a voyage of six days the ship dropped anchor, and the passengers departed.

9

signal	accident	fashion	honorable
wreck	explosion	fashionable	miserable
scatter	confusion	agreeable	reasonable
injure †	repair	changeable	comfortable †

The railroad accident occurred because the signal failed to work. When the locomotives crashed into each other, an explosion took place and several cars were wrecked. All was in confusion, and many passengers were injured.

The weather would be agreeable if it were not so changeable. Fashionable clothing is not always the most comfortable.

change – changing [1a] change – changeable [1c]

HOMONYMS

coarse	This thread is too coarse.
course	What course did the ship take?
vain	We must not be vain.
vein	The man cut a vein in his hand.
four	There are four weeks in a month.
fore	The horse's left fore leg was broken.

10

expression	sensible	anxious	dangerous
admission	terrible	jealous	injury
permission	therefore	mischief †	injurious [3a]
possible	thoroughly	mischievous †	poisonous

We were thoroughly drenched in that terrible storm.

I am anxious to get home, and will therefore start at once.

The expression of the boy's face shows that he is mischievous.

Sensible people will not do what they know to be injurious to their health.

Many poisonous plants are dangerous to handle.

11

ostrich	mosquito	atlas	prepare
peacock	beetle	island	examine
hawk	centiped	desert	memory
gnat	caterpillar	geography †	review

Gnats and mosquitoes are very troublesome insects.

The peacock and the ostrich are noted for their beautiful feathers. The ostrich is found in the desert.

We use an atlas in preparing our geography lessons, and commit the most useful points to memory.

commit – committed [2a] commit – committing [2a]

12 (Review)

accident	changeable	jealous	possible
agreeable	examine	mischievous	sensible
anchor	expression	mosquito	therefore
anxious	fashionable	passenger	thoroughly
baggage	geography	permission	valise

13

gauze	linen	trousers	scour
bracelet	pattern	jersey	dye
buckle	remnant	blouse	dyer
ornament	handkerchief	muffler	dyeing

There was just enough cloth in the remnant for a blouse. The pattern was pretty and in the fashion.

A buckle at the waist was the only ornament on the dress.

The white muffler was dyed a beautiful blue. The dyer also scours clothing.

14

musical	duet	ballad	bugle
festival	trio	opera †	mandolin †
choir	quartet	violin †	minstrel
chorus	octave †	flute	musician

Those who took part in the musical festival were all good musicians. A beautiful ballad was sung by a member of the minstrel company. Selections were played on the violin, the flute, and the mandolin. A quartet from an opera was given. The chorus consisted of forty trained singers.

HOMONYMS

choir	She sings in the choir.
quire	We have a quire of paper.
die	Did the bird die?
dye	Did she dye the ribbon?
dying	Is the bird dying?
dyeing	She is dyeing the ribbon.
paws	The cat has soft paws.
pause	He did not pause to think.

15

guide	hansom	pistol	habit
journey	omnibus	cannon	merit
scenery	axle	trigger	profit
carriage	bridle	muzzle	credit

In some countries the people are in the habit of making as much profit out of travelers as they can. Guides offer to show them the scenery. Shopkeepers point out the merits of their wares. Others try to force them to hire carriages or omnibuses. In certain places it is not safe to journey without a pistol.

16

ore	mineral	gravel	alum
zinc	solder	lye	borax
bronze	mortar	crockery	resin
copper	asphalt	porcelain †	benzine

Borax and lye are used in making soap.
Hard solder is composed of copper and zinc.
Gravel and asphalt are used for paving.
Porcelain is a fine grade of crockery.
Benzine is used for cleaning clothes.
Many ornaments are made of bronze.

17 (Review)

admission	dangerous	journey	porcelain
asphalt	dyeing	mandolin	scenery
carriage	guide	memory	solder
choir	handkerchief	musician	terrible
chorus	injurious	poisonous	violin

18

spirit	evil	awkward	vulgar
liquid	drunkard	obstinate	sulky
liquor	quarrel	stubborn	neglect
alcohol	stagger	willful	ruin †

The drunkard staggered through the streets, and quarreled with his wife when he reached home. Alcohol aroused all the evil in him. His business was neglected and went to ruin.

Willful children sometimes grow sulky and obstinate when they are taken to task.

The mule is known to have a stubborn spirit.

19

argue	tempt	pretend	familiar
interrupt	boast	imagine	intimate
contradict	disappoint	imitate	respectful
interfere	falsehood	doubt	beautiful

You cannot imagine how disappointed we were that the rain interfered with the picnic; but we pretended not to care.

To interrupt and contradict is neither polite nor respectful.

Those who tell falsehoods are doubted even when they tell the truth.

argue – arguing [1b]		imagine – imagining [1a]	
pity – pitying [3a]		pity – pitied [3a]	

HOMONYMS

lie	Do not tell a lie.
lye	The lye will burn your fingers.
oar	The boatman lost an oar.
ore	The ore contained gold.

20

grief	excite [1a]	photograph	statue
grieve [1a]	calm	gallery	model
misery	ease	portrait	material
worry [3a]	peace	group	tissue

Some people lead a life of ease and peace; others seem to have nothing but worry and misery. It is not sensible to grieve and worry over trifles.

The members of the family had their portraits taken in a group. One of the pictures is hanging in the photograph gallery.

In the drawing lesson a statue was used as a model.

21

bruise	salve	feverish	drowsy
injury	poultice	headache	bolster
crutch	patient	hoarse	quilting
treatment	improvement [1d]	measles	embroider

John is still under treatment for his injury, but is making rapid improvement. Salves and poultices have nearly cured his bruises. Mary is nearly over the measles. She is not so hoarse and feverish as she was, and no longer complains of headache. The little patient looks quite comfortable, with her head resting easily on the embroidered pillow.

22 (Review)

alcohol	group	interrupt	poultice
bruise	imagine	liquor	quarrel
disappoint	imitate	obstinate	spirit
familiar	improvement	patient	statue
grief	interfere	photograph	tissue

23

advice	commence	succeed	property
advise	prompt	success	college
direct †	proceed	necessary †	practice
appoint	continue	attempt	experiment

Our first efforts are not always rewarded with success. It is often necessary to make several attempts before we succeed. We should ask advice of those who are able to direct us.

The concert at the College of Music will commence promptly at eight o'clock and continue until ten.

advise – advising [1a] continue – continuing [1b]

24

almanac	heavenly	soul	altar
calendar	almighty	Sabbath	pulpit
autumn	sermon	religious	aisle
Christmas	praise [1a]	bless	pew

The minister's sermon on Christmas Day was very much praised. He prayed the Almighty to bless the people in the church, and to help them to do right. Palms and other plants decorated the altar. Every pew was taken, and many people were standing in the aisles.

HOMONYMS

soul	Not a soul was there.
sole	The sole of my shoe is worn out.
alter	Do not alter your work.
altar	The altar was covered with flowers.
seen	Have you seen my purse ?
scene	It was a pretty scene.

25

suppose	receive[1a]	nuisance	ruffian
desire[1a]	benefit	laziness[3a]	terror
collect	supply	nonsense	brute
charity	relief	mischief[†]	fierce

A large sum is collected in the town for charity every year. Relief is supplied free to the helpless. Those who are strong do not receive money unless they work for it.

Laziness leads to mischief. Children who think only of nonsense are a great nuisance to the teacher.

26

column	occupy	particular	dictionary
circular	opposite	personal	apothecary
advertise	separate	ordinary	spectacle
advertisement		common	moisture

The house on the opposite side of the street has not been occupied for a long time. The landlord has placed an advertisement of half a column in the papers about it.

The apothecary is advertising his new shop. He makes a particular point of keeping his poisons in a separate closet.

occupy – occupying[3a] occupy – occupied[3a]
advertise – advertising[1a] advertise – advertisement[1d]

27 (Review)

autumn	continue	opposite	relief
charity	mischief	particular	religious
circular	moisture	praise	separate
college	necessary	proceed	spectacle
column	nuisance	receive	success

28

elevator	vestibule	gable	mansion
piazza †	panel	fountain	palace
veranda	lattice	hydrant	castle †
portico	ledge	faucet †	homestead

The old homestead looks very inviting. Its verandas are wide, and its vestibule is filled with plants. Honeysuckles are climbing up the lattice. The ledge of rock back of the grounds is covered with other creeping plants. There is a large fountain in the garden, which can be turned on or off by a hydrant hidden in the grass. Its many gables give the house a cozy look.

29

professor	actor	superintendent	cable
instructor	author	messenger	telegraph
tutor	collector	brewery	telephone
monitor	conductor	warehouse	telegram

The messenger was sent with a telegram to the warehouse. As the superintendent had already left, the clerk telephoned the message to his home.

One of the professors at the college is a well-known author.

The tutor appointed a monitor to take charge of the class during his absence.

HOMONYMS

peace	The country was at peace.
piece	The boy asked for a piece of bread.
row	The children stood in a row.
roe	The roe of some fish is good to eat.
groan	He heard some one groan.
grown	A full-grown animal.

30

training	directory	pronounce	behavior
department	history	poetry	progress
district	library †	poem	catalogue
committee	preface †	rhyme	dialogue

The library committee have bought some new books of history and poetry. This year's catalogue will soon be ready.

The rhyme makes the poem easy to remember.

Some of the names in the directory are hard to pronounce.

The members of the fire department receive thorough training for their work.

31

accept	dissect	inhale [1a]	telescope
presume	devour	urge [1a]	camera
postpone	slaughter	apology	microscope
beware	rouse	anxiety	magnify

The tiny parts of the dissected plant were plainly seen through the microscope.

A gentleman urged the doctor to come at once, as he was in great anxiety about his child. As the doctor was called a moment later to rouse a man who had inhaled escaping gas, he was obliged to postpone the visit to the child. When he explained the matter his apology was accepted.

32 (Review)

accept	committee	library	rhyme
anxiety	faucet	messenger	slaughter
apology	fountain	microscope	superintendent
behavior	hydrant	palace	telescope
catalogue	lattice	professor	vestibule

33

menagerie	elephant	tiger	deer
museum †	buffalo	boar	hare
quadruped	lion	antelope	alligator
cattle	camel	beaver	crocodile

34

appetite	omelet	quince	honeycomb
diet	porridge	citron	huckleberry
victuals	sausage	prune	raspberry
biscuit	apricot †	sirup	cantaloupe

35

laborer	clothier	confectioner	buyer
brakeman	glazier	merchant	stationery
cooper	jeweler	florist	millinery
cobbler	milliner	customer	confectionery

36

celery	cinnamon	sandwich	oral
lettuce	poultry	dessert †	oval
olive	sirloin	caramel	comical
asparagus †	sardine	vanilla	liberal

HOMONYMS

him	Give it to him.
hymn	They sang a hymn.
moan	Did you hear her moan?
mown	The new-mown hay smells sweet.

37 (Review)

alligator	cantaloupe	customer	poultry
appetite	celery	elephant	raspberry
asparagus	cinnamon	glazier	sirup
biscuit	clothier	menagerie	stationery
brakeman	confectionery	millinery	victuals

Many satchels are made of the skin of the alligator.

The fresh air gave the brakeman a hearty appetite.

Asparagus and celery are tempting vegetables.

The children gave the elephant at the menagerie some biscuits.

The cantaloupe is a finely flavored melon.

Cinnamon is a spice used chiefly in baking and cooking.

The clothier was successful because he tried to please his customers.

Too much confectionery is not wholesome.

The glazier broke a pane of glass while fitting the show-cases in the new millinery store.

Poultry is a name given to chickens, geese, ducks, etc.

Raspberry sirup with water makes a refreshing drink in summer.

Writing material is usually bought at the stationery store.

The servant gave some victuals to the poor man.

HOMONYMS

boar	The man killed a wild boar.
bore	Why did you bore a hole through the desk?
deer	The deer is a pretty animal.
dear	Children are dear to their parents.
hare	The hare can run quickly.
hair	The little girl has long hair.

38

height †	cipher	multiplication	remainder
length †	addition	division	total
vertical	subtract	divisor	quotient †
horizontal	subtraction	dividend	increase [1a]
triangle	multiply [3a]	fraction	average

39

mayor	captain	lawyer	chief
governor	officer †	pastor	armory
president	soldier †	parson	prison
general	judge	warden	jail

40

noble	battle	shallow	truly [1b]
scramble [1]	simple	sorrow	prettily [3a]
tremble	sample	mellow	merrily [3a]
puzzle	curdle	possibly	heavily [3a]

41

shear	pulley	amusement [1d]	proof
razor	haul	delightful	prove
awl	kiln	introduce †	statement
wrench	pleasure	address	opinion

HOMONYMS

leak	The kettle has a leak in it.
leek	The leek is a garden vegetable.
wade	Let us wade in the creek.
weighed	The fish weighed four pounds.

42 (Review)

addition	governor	lawyer	pleasure
captain	heavily	length	prove
chief	height	multiplication	quotient
cipher	increase	officer	soldier
division	judge	opinion	wrench

We can prove our answers in division by multiplication, and our answers in subtraction by addition.

The captain is the head of a company of soldiers.

A cipher at the right-hand side of a whole number increases its value.

The governor is the chief officer of the State.

The man wrenched his foot against a stone, and fell heavily to the ground.

We speak of the length of a river and of the height of a mountain.

The prisoner was brought before the judge; and the lawyer succeeded in getting him free.

We should not prize our own opinions too highly.

Pleasure is not the only object of life.

The answer in division is called the quotient.

HOMONYMS

awl	The shoemaker uses an awl.
all	Let us all go for a walk.
haul	Did the man haul a load of coal?
hall	The concert was given in the hall.
kiln	They are burning lime in the kiln.
kill	Why did the man kill the dog?
none	Have you none of your paper left?
nun	The nun is in the convent.

43

(Review of Difficult Words)

accept	choir	governor	mischief
accident	chorus	grief	mischievous
addition	cinnamon	group	moisture
admission	cipher	guide	morsel
agreeable	circular	handkerchief	mosquito
alcohol	clothier	height	mucilage
alligator	college	hydrant	multiplication
anchor	committee	imagine	murmur
anxiety	confectionery	imitate	musician
anxious	continue	important	necessary
apology	courage	increase	nuisance
appetite	customer	injurious	obstinate
arrange	dangerous	interfere	officer
asparagus	different	interrupt	opinion
baggage	disappoint	jealous	opposite
behavior	division	journey	palace
biscuit	elephant	lattice	parcel
brakeman	examine	lawyer	particular
bruise	excellent	length	passenger
cantaloupe	exercise	library	patient
captain	expression	liquor	permission
carriage	familiar	mandolin	photograph
catalogue	fashionable	memory	pleasant
celery	faucet	menagerie	pleasure
changeable	fountain	messenger	poisonous
charity	geography	microscope	porcelain
chief	glazier	millinery	position

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

possible	regular	sirup	telescope
poultice	relief	slaughter	terrible
poultry	religious	solder	therefore
praise	rhyme	soldier	thoroughly
proceed	scenery	spectacle	tissue
professor	search	speech	valise
punctual	sensible	spirit	vestibule
quarrel	sensitive	stationery	victuals
quotient	separate	statue	village
raspberry	service	success	violin
receive	session	superintendent	

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(Review of Difficult Words from Part I)

ache	beautiful	business	coffee
afford	bedstead	busy	color
afraid	beggar	cabbage	comfort
again	believe	caught	company
against	between	ceiling	correct
almost	bought	certain	cottage
already	bouquet	cheese	cough
also	breakfast	chocolate	country
always	breath	choose	couple
among	breathe	church	court
answer	bridge	circle	cousin
arithmetic	build	circus	crowd
aunt	bureau	climb	cruel
autumn	burglar	clothes	curtain

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS FROM PART I—*Continued*)

cushion	fight	janitor	obey
daily	figure	juice	ocean
dairy	first	kneel	office
daisies	flannel	knuckle	onion
damage	forehead	laugh	orphan
daughter	forty	laughter	owner
depot	fourteen	leather	package
divide	freeze	listen	palate
doctor	friend	loose	parade
dose	fright	lose	parent
double	fringe	lounge	paste
dough	fruit	meadow	pearl
drowned	furnace	measure	peddler
early	geranium	medicine	pencil
earnest	gingham	minute	people
easy	glove	mirror	perfect
either	glue	mountain	picture
eleven	grease	move	piece
else	guess	muscle	pigeon
engine	health	music	pity
enough	heart	naughty	plaid
error	heavy	neighbor	plumber
failure	honest	neither	potato
family	honey	niece	pour
fasten	horrible	nineteen	powder
feather	icicle	ninety	preach
February	improve	noise	present
field	instead	nurse	pretty

(Review of Difficult Words from Part I — *Continued*)

priest	season	strange	Tuesday
private	sense	strength	twice
promise	servant	study	tying
proper	severe	stylish	uncle
purple	shoe	sugar	until
purpose	shoulder	suit	vegetable
purse	shovel	sure	veil
queer	sieve	surprise	vein
question	sigh	taste	visit
quiet	sign	taught	wealthy
quite	skein	tease	weather
raisin	sleeve	thief	Wednesday
ready	sleigh	thirsty	welcome
reason	smooth	though	wharf
recess	something	thought	wheat
repeat	soup	thread	wheel
rinse	southern	threaten	whistle
rough	spare	throat	whole
satisfied	speak	through	wholesome
Saturday	spinach	tight	women
sauce	sponge	together	world
scarcely	square	tongue	worse
scholar	squeeze	touch	worsted
school	squirrel	tough	wound
scissors	steady	toward	wreath
scorch	stir	trouble	wrist
scratch	stitch	trough	wrong
scream	stomach	true	young

45

(Words Liable to be Mispronounced) *

ā′pri cot	lec′tŭre	op′ĕr a
as păr′a gus	length	pĭ az′za
cas′tle (kas′′l)	li′brȧ ry	pôr′ce laĭn
com′fort a ble	man′do lĭn	prĕf′ace
deṣ ṣert′	mis′chĭef	punc′tŭ al
dĭ rect′	mis′chie vous	quo′tient (kwō′)
faṵ′cet	mŭ ṣē′um	reg′ŭ lar
gē ŏg′ra phy	na′tŭre	ru′ĭn
height (hīt)	nĕc′ĕs sa ry	sōl′dier
in′jŭre	oc′tȧve	vi o lĭn′
in tro dūce′	ŏf′fĭ cer	

46

(Words Liable to be Mispronounced, from Part I)

again	figure	recess	when
against	hasten	squirrel	where
aunt	knew	stomach	whether
chocolate	medicine	tiny	which
clothes	often	tomato	while
deaf	piano	toward	whip
dew	picture	vegetable	whistle
drowned	potato	wharf	white
duty	pretty	what	why
engine	radish	wheel	yeast

* The diacritical marks used are from Webster's International Dictionary.

47

(Review of Homonyms from Part I)

bear	A black bear.
bare	His feet are bare.
bin	A coal bin.
been	How have you been?
break	Did it break?
brake	Use the brake.
by	By the river.
buy	Did you buy it?
fair	A fair day.
fare	Pay your fare.
great	A great man.
grate	A fire in the grate.
herd	A herd of cows.
heard	I heard you.
hear	Did you hear me?
here	It is here.
led	Led by a rope.
lead	A lead pipe.
pail	A pail of water.
pale	A pale child.
pain	Pain in the head.
pane	A pane of glass.
pair	A pair of shoes.
pear	A sweet pear.
pare	Pare the apple.
road	A broad road.
rode	He rode away.
right	It is right.
write	Will you write?
sail	Did the boat sail?
sale	A house for sale.
seam	A wide seam.
seem	Does it seem right?
so	Is it so?
sew	Sew on the button.
sow	Sow the seed.
steal	Do not steal.
steel	A steel chain.
stile	Step over the stile.
style	Dressed in the style
tail	The horse's tail.
tale	A fairy tale.
there	Were you there?
their	Their new house.
tide	A strong tide.
tied	Tied to a fence.
to	Come to me.
too	It is too large.
two	I have two books.
waist	A belt at the waist.
waste	Do not waste time.

48

(Puzzling Words Frequently Misspelled, from Part I)

any	many	such	where
been	much	their	which
come	none	there	while
could	off	these	who
does	often	they	whom
done	once	those	whose
each	should	were	why
here	some	what	would

FIFTH YEAR

49

obtain	bleach	bulge	serge
retain	streak	forge	conceit
bail	feast	singe	deceit
retail	dredge	singeing*	deceive

While dredging the river to obtain a better flow of water, the men came upon a streak of gold in the sand.

The tailor ruined the serge coat by singeing the sleeves.

The children left the feast with their pockets bulging.

If we deceive people we cannot retain their friendship.

dredge – dredging [1a] deceive – deceiving [1a]

50

droop	accuse [1a]	blur	turban
gloomy	acute	spur	due†
include [1a]	brute	surf	cue
intrude	absurd	burden	hue

The surf looks gloomy when the sky has a leaden hue.

The horse was drooping under his heavy burden. It was absurd to hurry the poor brute when he was so weary.

In their own countries Turks wear turbans, and Chinamen wear cues.

spur – spurring [2a] blur – blurred [2a]
weary – wearying [3a] weary – wearied [3a]

NOTE. — The marks, 1 *a*, 2 *a*, 3 *a*, etc., indicate the rules on pages 127, 128, which should be studied in connection with these words.

* Singeing is an exception to rule 1 *a*.

† This sign indicates words liable to be mispronounced. See page 50.

51

herb	stern	serpent	pier
verb	concern	clergy	pierce
adverb	converse	assert	brief
berth	service	certain	belief

The steamer at the pier has just arrived after a long voyage. It was asserted by all that the service had been excellent. During a storm the captain was much concerned for the safety of the vessel. For a brief period he would not converse with any of the passengers.

converse – conversing [1a] pierce – piercing [1a]

52

dense	breadth [†]	dental	crystal
expense	deafen [†]	nasal	sandal
immense	heather	vocal	annual
glimpse	readily [8a]	mental	continual [1b]
license	readiness [8a]	spinal	cardinal

A dense crowd had gathered to see the unveiling of the statue. In spite of its immense size, it was hard for us to get a glimpse of it. The continual cheering was deafening.

Some problems can be readily solved by mental arithmetic.

The face of a watch is covered with a crystal.

Nasal tones are apt to spoil the effect of vocal music.

HOMONYMS

bail	The prisoner could not get bail.
bale	A bale of hay fell off the wagon.
birth	What is the year of your birth?
berth	He was lying in his berth.

53

type	syllable	stanza	fable
volume	initial	couplet	record
magazine	hyphen	paragraph	diary
gazette	accent	historical	memorandum

Stanzas and couplets are divisions in poetry. Paragraphs are divisions in prose. In pronouncing words, care must be taken to place the accent on the proper syllable.

The magazines, which contained some interesting fables and historical facts, were bound into a volume.

Initial letters of chapters are often printed in fancy type.

54

pianist †	baritone	choral †	tambourine
organist	orchestra †	melody	accordion
soprano	overture †	rehearse [1a]	melodeon
tenor	quadrille	chord	violoncello †

The tenor voice is not so high as the soprano, but is higher than the baritone.

The orchestra rehearsed the overture many times.

A charming melody was played on the violoncello.

The accordion is quite easy to play; but it takes an organist to perform well on the melodeon.

55 (Review)

accordion	conceit	license	rehearse
accuse	converse	magazine	service
acute	deceive	melodeon	singeing
belief	immense	orchestra	syllable
breadth	initial	pierce	violoncello

56

upholsterer	inventor	customary	machinery
manufacturer	mechanic	boundary	mockery
machinist	hostler †	delivery	perfumery
inspector	jockey	discovery	shrubbery

The tracks in the shrubbery led to the discovery of the thief.

In some cities it is customary for health inspectors to examine milk before its delivery.

The mechanic became a skilled machinist. He was the inventor of a piece of machinery, and sold his patent to the manufacturer.

57

ignorant	annoyance [3c]	insurance [1a]	citizen
inhabitant	appearance	conveyance [3c]	alderman
acquaintance	assistance	ambulance	constable
admittance [9a]	attendance	comrade †	deacon

All the inhabitants of America were Indians before the white people made their appearance here. At first the latter were feared by the ignorant natives; but closer acquaintance between them led to friendship.

The ambulance conveyed the wounded citizen to his home.

HOMONYMS

cord	The package was tied with strong cord.
chord	He struck a chord on the piano.
due	The ship was due.
dew	The dew is falling.
fowl	The fowl was tender.
foul	He caught a foul ball.

58

convenient	negligent	floral †	dial
innocent	independent	spiral	cordial
intelligent	obedient	dismal	medical
impatient	diligent	brutal	arrival

It is almost a crime to be negligent in the sick room. Much can be done by an intelligent person without medical advice. A good nurse will neither tell the sufferer dismal stories nor become impatient when he wearies her. She will be diligent in carrying out the doctor's orders. A cordial greeting from the latter, on his arrival, will encourage the patient.

carry – carrying [3a] carry – carried [3a]

59

illustrate †	animate	hesitate	feature
cultivate [1a]	granulate	regulate	creature
celebrate	ventilate	affectionate	capture
graduate	vaccinate	congratulate	future
decorate	punctuate	fortunate	scripture

When the student graduated, his parents celebrated the event. The house was decorated with cultivated plants, and friends called to congratulate the young man. He was so fortunate as to win a prize, and was hopeful of a successful future.

60 (Review)

acquaintance	convenient	impatient	machinist
admittance	conveyance	independent	manufacturer
appearance	creature	innocent	mechanic
assistance	hesitate	intelligent	upholsterer
celebrate	hostler	machinery	vaccinate

61

buoy †	horror	toll	decide
launch	mishap	funeral	declare
capsize	mourn	tomb	accord
perish	doleful	epitaph	account

The account of the mishap to the launch was heard with horror in the town. The boat had struck a rock and capsized. Several of the crew perished.

The sound of the bells that tolled at the funeral hour was doleful. Every one in the place mourned for the drowned sailors. It was decided that a large tomb be made for them, and that an account of the event be included in the epitaph.

capsize – capsizing [1a] decide – deciding [1a]

62

decanter	scent	ascend	flight
fluid	odor	ascent	roam
essence	perfume †	summit	soar
shampoo	cologne	altitude	hover

The decanter was filled with fluid having a very strong odor.

A small quantity of the essence of violet gives to cologne a delightful perfume.

An occasional shampoo will keep the scalp in good condition.

The bird in its flight soared to the summit of the mountain, and hovered about it for a while. It does not take a bird long to ascend to a great altitude.

HOMONYMS

sent	The girl was sent on an errand.
cent	The boy found a cent.
scent	The rose has a sweet scent.

63

request	approve	announce	devote
require	admire	dispatch	console
convince	attract	convey	ignore
control	appear	progress †	despise

A dispatch was conveyed to the general to announce the progress of the battle. It contained a request for more men, and stated that they were urgently required The general was not convinced that the men were needed, and therefore decided to ignore the request. He did not appear to approve of the actions of the officer in control.

convince – convincing [1a] convey – conveyed [3c]

64

wages	assign	debt	authority
salary	discharge	rogue	inquiry †
currency	premium	roguish [1b]	dutiful [3a †]
agency	honesty	justice	difficult

It was simply an act of justice to discharge the clerk when his dishonesty was discovered. An inquiry showed that the rogue was deeply in debt.

The dutiful son gave all his wages to his aged parents.

The agency had full authority to sell or rent the house.

65 (Review)

announce	convey	essence	justice
approve	debt	flight	odor
assign	despise	honesty	roguish
buoy	difficult	horror	salary
cologne	epitaph	inquiry	scent

66

introduction	connection	exertion	payment [3c]
contradiction	affection	exception	agreement
conversation	alteration	elocution	argument [1b]
exclamation	ambition	invention	monument
graduation	exhibition	caution	refinement [1d]

An agreement was made with the artist to place the picture on exhibition.

The study of elocution helps the voice in conversation.

With few exceptions, the pupils attended the graduation exercises.

Needless contradiction is apt to lead to unpleasant argument.

To secure the introduction of his invention, was the man's greatest ambition.

study – studying [3a] study – studied [3a]

67

imitation	preparation	digestion †	nervous
information	occupation	vaccination	delicious
interruption	reduction	ambitious	precious
punctuation	consumption	cautious	contagious

Vaccination will guard against certain contagious diseases.

It is well to be cautious in eating. Undue haste in the consumption of food often spoils the digestion.

The preparation of the work was delayed by frequent interruptions. Time is precious to ambitious persons.

HOMONYMS

sore He had a sore finger.

soar Did the bird soar high?

68

advisable [1a]	digestible [†]	instrument	various
enjoyable [8c]	divisible [†]	ancient	envious [3a]
excusable	discouragement [1d]	patience	studious
respectable	announcement [1d]	residence	furious [3a]

The doctor made an announcement of his change of residence. Discouragement should not rob us of patience.

The girl was envious of her friend's success. If she had been as studious, she might have done as well.

The concert was enjoyable, but a shorter programme would have been advisable.

69

planet	territory [3a]	isle	arctic
sphere	peninsula	plateau	polar
equator	isthmus	prairie	harbor
continent	strait	valley [3c]	current

North America forms the larger part of the continent of America. Its territory extends from a few degrees north of the equator to the Arctic Ocean. It is connected with South America by an isthmus, and in the northwest is separated from Asia by a strait. Its coast is noted for its many beautiful harbors.

70 (Review)

ambitious	contagious	exclamation	prairie
ancient	delicious	exhibition	precious
announcement	digestible	imitation	preparation
arctic	digestion	interruption	sphere
consumption	divisible	isthmus	territory

71

solemn	sacred	creator	cathedral
baptize [1a]	testament	psalm [†]	abbey
baptism	catechism	christen	synagogue
worship	proverb	belfry	mission

Many people paused to listen to the solemn chimes of the cathedral bells. A psalm sung by the choir greeted them as they entered the church for worship.

A baptism took place at the Mission House last Sunday. Five women were baptized, and a child was christened.

72

northerly	region	cleanliness [3a]	quality
northern	vapor	godliness [3a]	quantity
atmosphere	indistinct	holiness [4a]	balance
climate	imperfect	proverb	complete

In the northern regions, where the climate is cold, the atmosphere is usually clear. In many warm countries, however, vapor frequently rises in the air, which makes objects in the distance appear indistinct.

An old proverb says, "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

In some seasons, the fruit is large in quantity but poor in quality.

HOMONYMS

aisle	He is standing in the aisle.
isle	Isle is another name for island.
strait	The boat went through the strait.
straight	Can you draw a straight line?
current	The river has a strong current.
currant	The currant is a small berry.

73

union	liberty	inhabit	feminine†
united	happiness[3a]	dwelling	gossip
republic	custom	foreigner	envy[3a]
freedom	society	millionaire	fortune

The United States is a republic, and all its inhabitants enjoy the blessings of freedom. Many foreigners settle here because their own countries do not afford them enough liberty.

Millionaires are often envied. Their fortunes, however, do not always bring them happiness.

Gossip is one of the evil customs of society life.

envy – envying[3a] envy – envied[3a]

74

hearth†	eaves	moat	sewer
wainscot	terrace	cupola†	cistern
ventilator	vineyard	vane	hogshead
radiator	pavilion	promenade	trough

The old castle, which is encircled by a moat, stands on a broad terrace. A wide promenade leads from the house through the vineyard to a pavilion, which is topped by a gilded cupola. The hearths are richly tiled, and the wainscotings are made of expensive woods. The building is supplied with water from a large cistern.

75 (Review)

atmosphere	feminine	millionaire	solemn
balance	foreigner	pavilion	synagogue
catechism	fortune	psalm	terrace
christen	freedom	region	trough
complete	hearth	society	vineyard

76

varied [3a]	assemble	wholly *	aware
singular	surround	plentiful [3a]	heartily [3a]
medium	support	comparison	grateful [1d]
majority	assure	conundrum	inherit

The mayor was elected by a large majority. This was not singular, as the citizens were grateful to him for his many kind acts. They were assured that he would heartily support any good cause, and conduct his varied duties wholly for their benefit. After the election he was surrounded by his friends, who assembled in his honor.

77

plumage	discourage	contractor	memorize [1a]
foliage	drainage	cashier	recognize
savage	guard	librarian	tantalize
advantage	guardian †	architect	pulverize

The guard at the menagerie would not let the children tantalize the savage beasts.

The advantages of good drainage are now duly recognized.

The librarian is the guardian of the books in the library.

The architect became discouraged because his plans were not approved by the contractor.

HOMONYMS

vane	There is a gilt vane on the house.
vain	We must not be vain.
vein	He cut a vein in his hand.
holy	Holy things are sacred.
wholly	Was the fault wholly his ?

* Wholly is an exception to rule 1 *d*.

78

patient	feeble	felon	iodine †
physician	strangle	abscess	liniment
invalid	ague	hiccough †	ammonia
disease	cholera	malaria	arnica

The physician painted the patient's chest with iodine.

The attack of cholera left the man very feeble. He remained an invalid for some time after the disease had disappeared.

It is waste of time to treat an abscess or a felon with liniment. Arnica is a good remedy for a bruise. There is danger in inhaling ammonia.

79

studio	etching	equip *	knight
easel	sketch	legacy	knoll
palette †	antique	heir	knell
stencil	specimen	heirloom	knapsack

The young artist had a well-equipped studio. Several fine etchings hung on the walls, and here and there were antique specimens of art. The latter were heirlooms in his family. In one corner of the room stood an easel with a half-finished sketch upon it. It represented a knight resting on a grassy knoll, with his open knapsack before him.

80 (Review)

abscess	cashier	foliage	liniment
ammonia	cholera	guardian	majority
antique	companion	heir	physician
architect	discourage	hiccough	recognize
assure	disease	librarian	wholly

* Equip is no exception to rule 2 *a*, as *u* here has the sound of *w*.

81

government	patrol	explosive	plight
regiment	colonel	terrific	capture
victory	sergeant	effective	pursue
discipline	lieutenant	emergency	rescue

The colonel credited his victory to the splendid discipline of the soldiers in his regiment. The lieutenant who had acted so bravely in an emergency was promoted captain after the battle. He succeeded in rescuing a number of men who had been closely pursued by the enemy. The explosive manufactured by the government proved very effective.

pursue – pursuing [1b] rescue – rescuing [1b]

82

gypsy	urchin	snare	eager
squaw	lackey	seize	droll
infancy	shepherd	vacate	affected
juvenile †	bachelor	vacancy	animated

The urchins played all sorts of juvenile tricks upon the aged squaw.

An animated discussion took place between the gypsies and the farmer, who ordered them to vacate his fields.

The wolf was caught in the snare which the shepherd had laid for him.

The lackey seized the burglar, who had almost escaped with his booty.

HOMONYMS

night	It was a cold night.
knight	The knight was clad in armor.

83

poplin	tweed	tulle	girdle
tarlatan	cashmere	damask	hosiery
mohair	silesia	zephyr	bodice
velveteen	seersucker	selvage	mackintosh

84

botany	dahlia	witch-hazel	acid
juniper	fuchsia	turpentine†	opium
myrtle	maize	sarsaparilla	camphor
laurel	rhubarb	pomegranate	licorice

85

sturgeon	tortoise	hyena	leopard
mackerel	scallop	guinea	giraffe
halibut	oyster	llama	heifer
anchovy	porpoise	rhinoceros	raccoon
terrapin	reptile	hippopotamus	kangaroo

86

dazzle [1a]	startle [1a]	compass	octagon
shuffle	nestle	diameter	rhomboid
whittle	title	rectangle	semicircle
brittle	particle	quadrangle	parallel

87 (Review)

botany	hippopotamus	porpoise	sturgeon
dahlia	leopard	rhinoceros	terrapin
diameter	llama	rhubarb	tortoise
fuchsia	oyster	sarsaparilla	turpentine
giraffe	parallel	silesia	zephyr

In our botany lesson, we studied the different parts of the dahlia and the fuchsia.

Some big trees in California measure twenty-five feet in diameter.

The giraffe and the leopard have spotted skins.

The hippopotamus and the rhinoceros are very large and clumsy.

The llama resembles the camel, but has no hump.

Oysters are usually found on gravel or sand.

Lines are parallel when they run in the same direction.

The porpoise is a large fish, which often follows ships at sea.

Rhubarb and sarsaparilla are used much as medicines.

Silesia is a coarse cloth, taking its name from the town in which it was first manufactured.

Isinglass is made from the air bladder of the sturgeon.

Terrapin is a variety of tortoise, and is highly valued for food.

Turpentine is an oily substance obtained largely from the pine tree.

Shawls made of zephyr are light and warm.

HOMONYMS

berry	Holly has a pretty red berry.
bury	Did you bury the bird?
kernel	The peanut has a sweet kernel.
colonel	The colonel wore his uniform.

88

(Review of Difficult Words)

abscess
accept
accident
accordion
accuse
acquaintance
acute
addition
admission
admittance
agreeable
alcohol
alligator
ambitious
ammonia
anchor
ancient
announce
announcement
antique
anxiety
anxious
apology
appearance
appetite
approve
architect
arrange
asparagus
assign
assistance
assure
atmosphere
bachelor
baggage
balance
behavior
belief
biscuit
brakeman
breadth
bruise
buoy
cantaloupe
captain
carriage
cashier
catalogue
catechism
celebrate
celery
changeable
charity
chief
choir
cholera
chorus
cinnamon
cipher
circular
clothier
college
cologne
colonel
committee
companion
complete
conceit
confectionery
consumption
contagious
continue
convenient
convergence
converse
convey
courage
creature
customer
dahlia
dangerous

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

deceive
delicious
despise
diameter
different
difficult
digestible
digestion
disappoint
discipline
discourage
disease
divisible
division
elephant
emergency
essence
examine
excellent
exclamation
exercise
exhibition
expression
familiar
fashionable
faucet
feminine
foliage
foreigner
fountain
fuchsia
geography
glazier
governor
grief
group
guardian
guide
gypsy
handkerchief
height
hesitate
hiccough
hippopotamus
horror
hydrant
imagine
imitate
imitation
immense
impatient
important
increase
independent
initial
injurious
innocent
intelligent
interfere
interrupt
interruption
isthmus
jealous
journey
justice
lattice
lawyer
length
leopard
librarian
library
license
lieutenant
liniment
liquor
machinery
machinist
magazine
majority
mandolin
manufacturer
mechanic
melodeon
memory

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

menagerie
messenger
microscope
millinery
millionaire
mischief
mischievous
moisture
morsel
mosquito
mucilage
multiplication
murmur
musician
necessary
nuisance
obstinate
officer
opinion
opposite
orchestra
palace
parallel
parcel
particular
passenger
patient
pavilion
permission
photograph
physician
pierce
pleasant
pleasure
poisonous
porcelain
porpoise
positive
possible
poultice
poultry
prairie
praise
precious
preparation
proceed
professor
psalm
punctual
pursue
quarrel
quotient
raspberry
receive
recognize
regiment
regular
rehearse
relief
religious
rhinoceros
rhubarb
rhyme
roguish
salary
sarsaparilla
scenery
search
seize
sensible
sensitive
separate
sergeant
service
session
silesia
singeing
sirup
slaughter
society
solder
spectacle
speech
sphere

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

spirit
stationery
statue
sturgeon
success
superintendent
syllable
synagogue
telescope
terrace
terrible
territory
therefore
thoroughly
tissue
tortoise
upholsterer
vaccinate
valise
vestibule
victuals
village
violin
violoncello
wholly
zephyr

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(Words Liable to be Mispronounced) *

breadth
buoy (bwoi)
chō′ral
cu′po la
dĭ gest′i ble
dĭ ges′tion
dĭ vis′i ble
dūe
dū′ti ful
fem′i nĭne
flō′ral
guard′ĭ *an*
heärth
hic′cough (-kŭp)
hos′tler (-ler)
il lus′trate
in quīr′y
i′o dĭne
jū′ve nĭle
or′chĕs tra
o′ver tūre
păl′ette
per′fume
pĭ an′ist
prŏg′ress
psälm
tur′pen tīne
vi o lŏn cel′lo

* The diacritical marks used are from Webster's International Dictionary.

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90

plural	pronoun	composition	recitation
vowel	noun	correction	explanation
consonant	subject	instruction	examination
article	sentence	education	promotion

educate – education * recite – recitation *

91

density	capacity	exceed	temple
opaque	possess	extreme	pledge
condense [1a]	represent	reverse [1a]	masonic
produce [1a]	establish	precise	inventive

92

major	contractor	professor	recollect
minor	sculptor	notary	reflect
senior	proprietor	secretary	realize [1a]
junior	protector	missionary	rejoice [1a]

93

region	meridian	abyss	peril
latitude	tropical	channel	route
longitude	hurricane	explore [1a]	tour
thermometer	volcano	adventurous	tourist

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94

rugged	quaint	rivulet	struggle[1a]
ridge	horizon†	reservoir†	principle
natural	picturesque	suburban†	entitle
gorge	mountainous†	trestle	treadle

95

thorax	spleen	lacquer	marmalade
trachea	saliva	oakum	gelatine†
vertebra	fiber	savory	vermicelli
sinew	shell-lac	beverage	macaroni

96 (Review)

abyss	exceed	peril	reservoir
adventurous	explanation	picturesque	reverse
beverage	extreme	possess	secretary
capacity	lacquer	precise	thermometer
condense	missionary	proprietor	tourist
education	mountainous	recitation	trachea
examination	opaque	recollect	vertebra

HOMONYMS

root	The root of a plant.	earn	To earn a living.
route	A traveler's route.	urn	A copper urn.
principal	The principal thing.	dough	Knead the dough.
principle	A man of principle.	doe	The skin of a doe.

Note. — The marks, 1 *a*, 2 *a*, 3 *a*, etc., indicate the rules on pages 127, 128, which should be studied in connection with these words.

† This sign indicates words liable to be mispronounced. See page 66.

97

sincere	fidelity †	intimacy	partiality
worthy	equality	familiarity	idolize [1a]
genteel	purity	favored	inspire [1a]
ideal	sincerity	indulge	encourage

98

motor	battery	whirl †	adapt
valve	magnetism	lever	aspire
bicycle	magnetize	cylinder	ridicule
velocipede	revolve	register	embarrass

99

marine	yacht	purser	quay †
navy	barge	mariner	shoal
shipping	schooner	steward	shipwreck
rigging	admiral	substitute	perilous
sloop	pilot	guest	shatter

100

storage	vintage	parentage	construct
steerage	pasturage	mortgage	skillful
savage	percentage	undertake [1a]	employee †
luggage	cartilage	accomplish	industry

HOMONYMS

yolk	The yolk of an egg.	toe	The big toe.
yoke	A yoke of oxen.	tow	To tow a boat.

101

royal	dignity	militia	weapon
scepter	nation	military	blockade
throne	colony	barrack	patriot †
reign	borough	uniform	patriotism
national †	capitol	salute	sacrifice †

102

Russian	Indian	czar †	viscount †
Roman	Chinese	emperor	monarch
European †	Japanese	viceroy	sovereign
French	sultan	marquis †	majesty

103 (Review)

accomplish	familiarity	militia	sincere
bicycle	guest	monarch	skillful
borough	idolize	mortgage	sovereign
cylinder	intimacy	partiality	steerage
embarrass	magnetize	perilous	substitute
encourage	majesty	ridicule	velocipede
equality	marquis	sacrifice	viscount
European	military	scepter	yacht

HOMONYMS

rain	A shower of rain.	broach	To broach a subject.
rein	The horse's rein.	brooch	A diamond brooch.
reign	The king's reign.	burrow	To burrow a hole.
raise	Raise the shade.	borough	They live in a borough.
rays	The sun's rays.	thrown	Thrown from a horse.
raze	To raze by fire.	throne	On the king's throne.

104

access	pillar	indicator	jugglery
approach	corridor	chandelier	mystery
massive	reflector	chiffonier†	bribery
masonry	refrigerator	lambrequin	recovery

105

growth	commercial	bargain	deposit
flourish	manufacture	auction†	receipt
merchandise	product	security	treasury
commerce	purchase	partnership	bankrupt

106

wayward	obstinacy	scantily	necessity
venturesome	persevere	shabbily	possibility
abusive	persistency	paltry	liberality
profane	haughtily	severity	festivity

venture – venturesome [1d] haughty – haughtily [3a]

107

chemist	laudanum	glycerine†	pumice
prescribe	magnesia	ointment	pomade
science	mercury	phosphate	vaccine
vial	quinine	petroleum	dissolve

WORDS PRONOUNCED ALMOST ALIKE

vial	A vial of medicine.	capital	A capital letter.
viol	A bass viol.	capitol	The Capitol at Washington.

108

alternate	enumerate	circulate	narrate
moderate	estimate	mutilate	temperate
considerate	irritate	investigate	temporary
emigrate	perforate	appreciate	stationary
indicate	suffocate	associate	complimentary

irritate – irritation* suffocate – suffocation*

109

bazar	curiosity	contribute*	treasurer
purchase	shield	attribute	coroner
tapestry†	squander	distribute	magistrate
pedestal†	forfeit	constitute	lecturer

110 (Review)

access	circulate	lambrequin	possibility
appreciate	commercial	magistrate	purchase
approach	curiosity	merchandise	receipt
associate	dissolve	mystery	refrigerator
attribute	flourish	necessity	science
bazar	forfeit	obstinacy	shield
chandelier	glycerine	persevere	suffocate
chemist	haughtily	persistency	treasury
chiffonier	irritate	petroleum	vaccine

WORDS PRONOUNCED ALMOST ALIKE

stationery	A stationery store.	dessert	A pie for dessert.
stationary	To be stationary.	desert	To desert a friend.

* See footnote, p. 51.

111

lengthy	manual	original	tableau
narrative	extract	theatrical	comedy
pamphlet	criticise	poetical	troupe
journal	genius	amateur	audience

112

dominion	signify	attitude†	pretense
frontier	notify	gratitude†	secrete[1a]
precinct	denial	determine[1a]	concrete
community	explicit	comprehend	random

113

swindler	counterfeit	loneliness[3a]	juror
conceal	detective	captivity	justice
secrecy	pursuit	dingy	condemn
shrewd	hastily[3a]	dungeon	guilty
scheme	cowardice†	impartial	penalty

114

hovel†	dispensary	surgery	energetic
tenement	infirmary	penitentiary	moral
hospital†	fishery	colliery	staid
asylum	refinery	energy	steadily[3a]

HOMONYMS

troop	A troop of soldiers.	peer	To peer over a fence.
troupe	An opera troupe.	pier	The boat at the pier.

115

convention	imposition	inflection	inspection
disposition	inclination	infliction	perspiration
distinction	notation	perfection	plantation
exhaustion	variation	inscription	prescription
fiction	infection	insertion	production

116

chemistry	scientific	solar	peculiar
physiology	photography†	popular	apparel
biography†	telegraphy	similar	sorrel
physics	hygiene†	muscular	shrivel

117 (Review)

amateur	cowardice	justice	pretense
asylum	criticise	narrative	pursuit
audience	dispensary	pamphlet	refinery
biography	dungeon	peculiar	scheme
chemistry	exhaustion	penitentiary	scientific
community	explicit	perspiration	secrecy
conceal	frontier	photography	secrete
concrete	hospital	physics	tableau
condemn	hygiene	physiology	telegraphy
counterfeit	impartial	prescription	tenement

HOMONYMS

loan	The loan of a book.	told	He told me so.
lone	A lone house.	tolled	The bells tolled.

118

gradual	cannibal	eternal	auctioneer †
special	critical	sheriff	optician
refusal [1a]	external	squire	surgeon
approval [1a]	internal	overseer	magician

119

abundant	tenant	acceptance	acquire [1a]
fragrant	endurance †	allowance	suggest
brilliant	temperance	performance	relieve
indignant	disturbance	repentance	relapse

120

compliment	movement	settlement
encouragement	engagement	installment
management	judgment	entertainment
nourishment	amazement	merriment [3a]
imprisonment	inducement †	measurement

encourage – encouragement [1d] judge – judgment [1e]

121

ridiculous	famous	pious	tedious
fibrous	numerous	contagious	bilious
boisterous	tremendous	infectious	melodious
enormous	previous	industrious	

HOMONYMS

rote	To learn by rote.	hew	To hew a tree.
wrote	He wrote a letter.	hue	A yellow hue.

122

accurate	knowledge	profession	liable
regularity	degree	capable	favorable
satisfactory	diploma	charitable	inflammable
standard	certificate	considerable	palatable [1a]

123

insanity	epidemic	pneumonia	neuralgia †
lunacy	dyspepsia †	tonsilitis †	infirmity
plague	inflammatory	bronchitis †	soothe
famine	rheumatism	asthma	remedy

124 (Review)

accurate	disturbance	nourishment	remedy
acquire	dyspepsia	optician	rheumatism
asthma	engagement	palatable	ridiculous
auctioneer	infectious	performance	satisfactory
brilliant	inflammable	plague	sheriff
bronchitis	judgment	pneumonia	special
capable	knowledge	profession	suggest
certificate	magician	regularity	surgeon
charitable	measurement	relapse	temperance
contagious	neuralgia	relieve	tonsilitis

HOMONYMS

beach	Sand on the beach.	cruel	A cruel boy.
beech	A beech tree.	crewel	A ball of crewel.

125

adjunct	neuter	preposition	intellect
phrase	syntax	participle	character
clause	possessive	instructive	conscience
method	objective	scholarship	distinguish
system	monosyllable	thoughtful	meritorious

126

numeral†	horizontal	confession	extension
numerical†	spherical	impression	provision*
decimal	octagonal	possession	collision*
integer	circumference	succession	occasion

127

confident	lenient	incident	interference
persistent	sufficient	reference	violence
evident	deficient	preference	consequence
insolent	magnificent	experience	presence
indulgent	impertinent	independence	influence†

refer – reference [2b] prefer – preference [2b]

128

outrageous	sculpture	exposure	agriculture
courageous	structure	temperature	pressure
ferocious	inclosure	gesture	leisure†
conscious	departure	pasture	signature

outrage – outrageous [1c] courage – courageous [1a]

* See footnote, page 51.

129

pronunciation[1]	obligation	temptation	legible
protection	revolution	partition	visible
recollection	satisfaction	proportion	responsible
repetition	suggestion	assertion	permissible
starvation	adoption		

130

usage	adjust	moreover	henceforth
accustom	fatigue	whereas	hitherto
civil	exhaust	wherefore	nevertheless
civilize	languid	withhold	consequently

fatigue – fatiguing[1b]

131 (Review)

assertion	fatigue	pressure
character	ferocious	pronunciation
circumference	independence	provision
civilize	intellect	recollection
collision	interference	reference
conscience	legible	repetition
conscious	leisure	responsible
consequence	meritorious	signature
courageous	monosyllable	spherical
deficient	occasion	succession
distinguish	outrageous	sufficient
exhaust	permissible	suggestion
experience	possession	visible

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abscess
abyss
access
accident
accomplish
accordion
accurate
accuse
acquaintance
acquire
acute
admission
admittance
adventurous
alcohol
alligator
amateur
ambitious
ammonia
ancient
announcement
anxiety
anxious
apology
appearance
appetite
appreciate
architect
arrange
assistance
associate
assure
asylum
atmosphere
auctioneer
baggage
behavior
biscuit
breadth
brilliant
bruise
buoy
cantaloupe
carriage
cashier
catechism
certificate
chandelier
changeable
character
charity
chemistry
chiffonier
cinnamon
circular
circumference
civilize
clothier
collision
cologne
commercial
committee
community
conceal
conceit
conscience
conscious
contagious
conveyance
counterfeit
courageous
cowardice
criticise
curiosity
cylinder
deceive
decision
deficient
delicious
diameter
different

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

difficult
digestible
digestion
disappoint
discipline
disease
dispensary
distinguish
divisible
dungeon
dyspepsia
embarrass
essence
excellent
exclamation
exercise
exhaustion
exhibition
experience
explanation
explicit
expression
familiarity
fashionable
fatigue
faucet
feminine
ferocious
flourish
foreign
forfeit
frontier
fuchsia
glazier
glycerine
grief
group
guardian
guest
height
horror
hospital
hygiene
idolize
imagine
imitation
immense
impartial
important
independence
infectious
inflammable
injurious
innocent
intelligent
interfere
interruption
intimacy
irritate
jealous
journey
judgment
knowledge
legible
leisure
length
library
license
lieutenant
liniment
liquor
machinery
magazine
magnetize
manufacture
mechanic
melodeon
merchandise
messenger
microscope
military
militia
millinery
mischievous

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

moisture
mortgage
mosquito
mountainous
mucilage
necessary
neuralgia
nourishment
nuisance
obstinacy
occasion
officer
opposite
optician
orchestra
outrageous
palatable
parallel
partiality
particular
passenger
patient
pavilion
peculiar
penitentiary
perilous
permissible
permission
persevere
petroleum
photography
physician
physics
physiology
pleasure
pneumonia
porcelain
possession
possibility
poultice
prairie
precious
preparation
pretense
profession
pronunciation
proprietor
punctual
pursuit
receipt
receive
recognize
recollect
reference
refrigerator
regular
rehearse
relieve
religious
repetition
reservoir
responsible
rheumatism
ridiculous
sacrifice
scenery
scheme
science
secrecy
secretary
sensible
separate
sergeant
silesia
sincere
society
soldier
sovereign
special
spectacle
spherical
sturgeon
succession
sufficient

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

suffocate
suggestion
superintendent
surgeon
synagogue
tableau
temperance
terrible
therefore
thermometer
thoroughly
tonsilitis
tortoise
trachea
treasury
upholsterer
vaccinate
valise
victuals
village
violoncello
visible
yacht
zephyr

133

(Words Liable to be Mispronounced) *

at′ti tūde
ąuc′tion
ąuc tion eer′
bĭ og′ra phy
bron chī′tis
chĭf fo niēr′
cow′ard ĭce
czar (zär)
dys pep′sĭ ȧ
em ploy ēe′
en dūr′ance
Eu ro pē′an
fĭ del′i ty
gel′a tĭne
glyc′er ĭne
grat′i tūde
ho rī′zon
hŏs′pi tal
hŏv′el
hy′gĭ ene
in dūce′ment
in′flū ence
lēi′sure
mar′quis (-kwĭs)
moun′taĭn ous
nă′tion al
neū ral′gĭ ȧ
nū′mer al
nū mer′ic al
par′ent age
pā′tri ot
pā′tri ot ism
ped′es tal
pĕr spĭ ra′tion
pho tŏg′ra phy
pro nŭn ci a′tion
quay (kē)
res′er voir (-vwôr)
sac′ri fice (-fīz)
sŭb ur′ban
tăp′es try
ton sil ī′tis
vis′count (vī′)
whirl

* The diacritical marks used are from Webster's International Dictionary.

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134

mercantile †	crinoline	tier	canopy
traffic	eider	crescent	buttress
chenille	frieze	trellis	exterior
chinchilla	bombazine	turret	interior
corduroy	raiment	balustrade	splendor

135

criminal	congenial	identical	pictorial
beneficial	terminal	methodical	interval
social	disposal	trivial	renewal †
confidential	revival	centennial	universal
financial †	classical	intellectual	nautical

136

tyrant	plead	decease	scabbard
martyr	refuge	fusee †	bayonet
suicide	treaty	fusillade	tomahawk
warrant	lynch	massacre	cutlass
summon	pillory	sheath	epaulet
seizure	compulsory	sheathe	gauntlet

† This sign indicates words liable to be mispronounced. See pages 89, 90.

137

chaplain	religion	Jesuit	Methodist
curate	Christian	Protestant	Puritan
vicar †	Christianity	Episcopal	Quaker
friar	Catholic	Lutheran	monastery
clerical	Israelite	Presbyterian	mosque

138

absorption	corporation	constitution
administration	contraction	construction
annexation	corruption	expedition
application	combination	expiration †
attraction	conjunction	formation
benediction	declaration	fortification

expedite – expedition * constitute – constitution *

139

Malaga	siphon	edition	illustrious
Catawba	tierce	friction	continuous [15]
flagon	ocher	function	laborious
carafe	caraway	eruption	farinaceous
nectar	cayenne	duration	advantageous [16]
distill	chicory	desertion	luscious

WORDS PRONOUNCED ALMOST ALIKE

pistol	A loaded pistol.	dual	A dual meaning.
pistil	The pistil of a flower.	duel	They fought a duel.

* See note (1), opposite page.

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advantageous	corduroy	intellectual
bayonet	corporation	Israelite
beneficial	crescent	laborious
carafe	crinoline	luscious
cayenne	declaration	martyr
centennial	epaulet	massacre
chaplain	eruption	mercantile
chenille	expedition	Presbyterian
chicory	expiration	religion
Christian	farinaceous	seizure
clerical	financial	siphon
confidential	frieze	suicide
continuous	illustrious	tierce

HOMONYMS

tear	A tear in the eye.	clause	A clause in a sentence.
tier	A tier of seats.	claws	The cat's claws.
gait	A rapid gait.	leaf	A leaf of a tree.
gate	The garden gate.	lief	I had as lief.
freeze	Freeze the cream.	links	The links of a chain.
frieze	A marble frieze.	lynx	A fierce lynx.

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141

tributary	fertile	yield	survey
stagnant	fertility	windlass	scenic
cleanse [1a]	verdure	scythe	fossilize
purify	lichen	drought	authorize
immerse [1a]	cereal	explore	execute

survey – surveyed [3c] execute – execution *

142

aquatic	element	floe	ballast
aqueduct	equinox	iceberg	gondolier
squall	equinoctial †	hawser	commodore
whirlpool	cruise	squadron	boatswain *
whirlwind	regatta	frigate	coxswain †

143

abbreviate	evaporate	congregate
acclimate †	speculate	necessitate
accumulate	stimulate	illuminate †
anticipate	irrigate	accommodate
aggravate	nominate	communicate
fascinate	exaggerate	demonstrate
generate	consulate	gravitate
germinate	evacuate	initiate

abbreviate – abbreviation *
illuminate – illumination *

* See note (1), on page 69.

144

avalanche	precipice	effervesce	expire
cataract	ravine	ferment	diminish
canyon	bowlder	gaseous*	decrease
chasm	glacier	collide	descend
copse	promontory	collapse	descent
crevice	hemisphere	extinguish	recede

145

scientist	attorney†	courier	obstacle
oculist	notary	financier	gamble
artisan	referee	prophet	resemble
historian	consul	peasant	miracle
electrician	politician	yeoman	scruple
grammarian	commissioner	apprentice	soluble

146

lyceum†	emporium	restaurant†
seminary	conservatory	architecture
observatory	laboratory†	malicious
university	dormitory	suspicious
academy	distillery	vicious
sanitarium	edifice	virtuous[1b]
reformatory	hostelry†	contemptuous
aquarium	manufactory	conscientious

* Derivatives of the word "gas" are exceptions to rule 2 *a*.

147 (Review)

abbreviate	descend	illuminate
academy	distillery	immerse
accommodate	drought	initiate
accumulate	edifice	irrigate
anticipate	effervesce	malicious
apprentice	electrician	necessitate
aqueduct	element	obstacle
architecture	equinoctial	politician
boatswain	evaporate	precipice
cataract	exaggerate	promontory
chasm	extinguish	recede
commissioner	fascinate	scientist
communicate	financier	scythe
conscientious	fossilize	survey
crevice	gaseous	suspicious
cruise	hemisphere	vicious

HOMONYMS

flow	The flow of water.	flee	To flee from danger.
floe	An ice floe.	flea	A flea-bite.
bridle	The horse's bridle.	plain	A plain dress.
bridal	A bridal party.	plane	To plane a board.
crews	The crews on boats.	time	To be in time.
cruise	A pleasant cruise.	thyme	Seasoned with thyme.
hail	A shower of hail.	but	Loud but sweet sounds.
hale	A hale old man.	butt	The butt end.

148

embassy	publicity	alien	compete
politics	policy	interpret	challenge
canvass	oratory	qualify	adjourn
legislature	oratorical	plurality	disperse
parliament	naturalize	opponent †	compromise

149

scroll	autograph	souvenir	counsel
petition	testimonial	bulletin	resign
response	acknowledge	schedule	release
comment	memorandum	calendar	prevail
correspond	lithograph	divert †	redeem
recommend	electrotype	entice	suspense

150

haughtily	fiery	deign	subdue †
irritable	wrath	beseech	anguish
merciless	resolute	appease	aghast
eccentric	tyrannize	condescend	appall
dissatisfied	peculiarity	intensity	torture
superstitious	determined	emphasize	despair

mercy – merciless [8a] subdue – subduing [1b]

HOMONYMS

bad	A bad boy.	bread	A loaf of bread.
bade	I bade him go.	bred	A well-bred person.

151

nutrition	rotation	solution	execution
opposition	secretion	conviction	prediction
mensuration	projection	deception	prevention
intoxication	proposition	detention	resolution
observation	recreation	superstition	valuation
obstruction	reputation	destination	subscription

intoxicate – intoxication* secrete – secretion*

152

corps	artillery	conquest	ensign
siege	cavalry	conquer	hussar
garrison	maneuver	assault	brigadier
arsenal	campaign	acquit	dragoon
sentinel	skirmish	barbarian†	corporal
ammunition	rebellious	marshal	grenadier

153

adhesion*	dimension†	secession	persuasion
convulsion	exclusion	conclusion	precision
commission	expansion	decision	suspension
compassion	invasion	omission	tension
compulsion	discussion	immersion	version
declension	procession	intrusion	diversion†

exclude – exclusion* decide – decision*

* See note (1), page 69.

154 (Review)

acknowledge
aghast
ammunition
artillery
autograph
barbarian
bulletin
campaign
commission
compromise
compulsion
condescend
correspond
deign
dimension
discussion
dissatisfied
eccentric
emphasize
execution
fiery
intoxication
irritable
legislature
lithograph
maneuver
massacre
memorandum
naturalize
omission
opposition
parliament
peculiarity
petition
procession
proposition
rebellious
recommend
schedule
secession
siege
souvenir
superstitious
suspense
suspension
tension
testimonial
tyrannize

HOMONYMS

canvas	A canvas bag.
canvass	Canvass for votes.
calendar	A yearly calendar.
calender	The calender in a paper factory.
hoard	To hoard money.
horde	A horde of savages.
nay	To say nay.
neigh	Horses neigh.
might	With all his might.
mite	A mite of bread.
core	The core of an apple
corps	A corps of soldiers.
read	Read the book.
reed	A broken reed.
ruff	A high ruff.
rough	A rough edge.

155

fraternal	horticultural	supplement
maternal	agricultural	colonial
paternal	economical	sediment
parental	tyrannical†	nutriment
mutual	inaugural†	federal
individual	presidential	accompaniment
industrial	international†	acknowledgment

accompany – accompaniment[3a]
acknowledge – acknowledgment[1e]

156

literary	comedian	charade	encore†
manuscript	pugilist	pantomime	enthusiasm
copyright	champion	panorama	sufficiency
playwright	tragedy	carnival	expectancy
celebrity	burlesque	matinée†	hesitancy
tragedian	parody	applause	frequency

157

finance†	bullion	economize	fawn
resource	guarantee	thrifty	chamois†
tariff	indorse	chattel	pheasant
revenue	certify	foreclose	mustang
specie	enterprise	foreclosure	hippodrome
coupon†	economy	expenditure	

158

ambassador	orator	surveyor	debtor
conqueror	editor	ancestor	creditor
warrior	educator	dictator	traitor
legislator	navigator	spectator	superior
executor	operator	survivor	inferior
proprietor	supervisor	successor	factor

159

camomile	chloroform	strychnine†	capsule
myrrh	creosote	potassium	troche†
paregoric	vitriol	sulphur	naphtha
opiate	antidote	phosphate	formula
morphine	quassia	tincture	dispense
ether	antimony	antiseptic	liquefy

160

corrupt	ferocity	offense	secede
enmity	hostile	suspicion	fortify
treason	malice	rebellion	barrier
treachery	villain	volunteer	trophy
dishonesty	conspiracy	revolutionary	triumph

HOMONYMS

sell	To sell goods.	climb	To climb a tree.
cell	A prison cell.	clime	A sunny clime.

161 (Review)

accompaniment	enthusiasm	proprietor
acknowledgment	expectancy	secede
ambassador	ferocity	specie
antiseptic	foreclosure	strychnine
applause	guarantee	successor
burlesque	inaugural	sufficiency
camomile	liquefy	supplement
celebrity	mutual	suspicion
chamois	myrrh	tincture
charade	naphtha	tragedy
chloroform	panorama	traitor
conspiracy	pantomime	treachery
creosote	paregoric	tyrannical
economical	parody	villain
economize	playwright	volunteer
enterprise	presidential	warrior

HOMONYMS

sleigh	A sleigh ride.	mussel	Shell of a mussel.
slay	To slay in battle.	muscle	A strong muscle.
stake	A pointed stake.	pray	To pray in church.
steak	A broiled steak.	prey	A bird of prey.
knave	Cheated by a knave.	gilt	A gilt frame.
nave	The nave of a church.	guilt	To confess guilt.
surf	A bath in the surf.	base	A broad base.
serf	The serf was freed.	bass	A bass voice.

162

accountant	observant	utterance	cuticle
applicant	resistant	appliance	retina
extravagant	contrivance	importance	larynx
emigrant	inheritance	diaphragm	abdominal
immigrant	resemblance	appendix	physical
incessant	countenance	ligament	

observe – observant [1a] contrive – contrivance [1a]

163

cameo	onyx	quartz	morocco
agate	carat	calcium	pewter
amethyst	turquoise †	veneer	granite
sapphire	miniature	gutta-percha	quarry
filigree	medallion	majolica	isinglass
enamel	gypsum	mahogany	anthracite

164

ability	accuracy	develop	virtue
legibility	fluency	routine	career
encyclopedia	enlighten	languid	device
elementary	supervise	dilatory	devise
intermediate	supervision	wearisome	prodigy
preparatory	faculty	illiterate	integrity

weary – wearisome [3a] virtue – virtuous [1b]

165

probability	incident	transparent†
absurdity	effervescent	turbulent
similarity	equivalent	apparent†
originality	incandescent	evidence
benevolent	intermittent	abstinence
convalescent	permanent	benevolence
dependent	prominent	correspondence

166

hawthorn	sumac	calyx
mistletoe	verbena	cypress
horticulture	anemone†	sycamore
camellia	hyacinth	wistaria
gladiole	oleander	chameleon
hydrangea	jasmine	chrysalis
chrysanthemum	mignonette	capillary

167

anniversary	courteous†	gayety
ceremony	courtesy†	frivolity
etiquette	flattery	delicacy
solemnity	dignified	fraternity
sociable	serene	apologize
hospitality	amiable	sympathize
hospitable†	luxury	sympathetic
responsibility	generosity	explanatory

168 (Review)

abstinence	courteous	incandescent
accuracy	courtesy	incessant
amethyst	cuticle	isinglass
anniversary	develop	larynx
anthracite	diaphragm	legibility
apologize	effervescent	mahogany
apparent	emigrant	medallion
camellia	encyclopedia	mignonette
capillary	equivalent	originality
ceremony	etiquette	physical
chameleon	explanatory	preparatory
chrysalis	extravagant	probability
chrysanthemum	gayety	responsibility
convalescent	illiterate	sapphire
correspondence	immigrant	supervision
countenance	importance	sympathize

HOMONYMS

sear	To sear the skin.	minor	A minor matter.
seer	Foretold by a seer.	miner	A coal miner.
air	Fresh air.	metal	A valuable metal.
heir	An heir to a throne.	mettle	A man of mettle.
ere	We shall go ere long.	you	Will you go?
quarts	Two quarts of milk.	ewe	A ewe lamb.
quartz	A vein of quartz.	yew	A yew tree.
lesson	An easy lesson.	plum	A ripe plum.
lessen	The pain will lessen.	plumb	A plumb line.

169

albuminous	marvelous	dutiable	noticeable
bituminous	joyous [3c]	enviable	salable
monstrous	frivolous	imaginable	variable
carnivorous	humorous	innumerable	available
barbarous	anonymous	manageable	estimable
treacherous	unanimous	serviceable	receivable

service – serviceable [1c]
manage – manageable [1c]
notice – noticeable [1c]
sale – salable [1c]

170

oxygen	hydrogen	hydraulic	elasticity
nitrogen	chemical	mechanism	flexibility
barometer	utensil	oxidize	fragile
chronometer	apparatus †	petrify	original
stereopticon	receptacle	fossil	artificial
phonograph	artesian	crystallize *	genuine †

171

conical	diagonal	radius	penetrate
oblique	quadrant	pyramid	elaborate
obtuse	trapezium	symmetry	appropriate
cylindrical	hexagon	desolate	desperate
equilateral	isosceles	vegetate	calculate
perpendicular	geometrical	interrogate	

* Exception to rule 2 *a*.

172

fugitive	excessive	flexible
representative	exhaustive	forcible
comparative	persuasive	illegible
imaginative	successive	insensible
inquisitive	suggestive	invisible
progressive	negative	intelligible
decisive	corruptible	contemptible

173

allopathic	fracture	apoplexy
homeopathic †	sciatica	paralysis
sanitary	eczema †	paralyze
specialty	hemorrhage	influenza
surgical	erysipelas	jaundice
quarantine	hydrophobia	pleurisy
malady	epilepsy	

174

orthography	mythology	stenography †
etymology	zoölogy †	phonography
phonics	phrenology	analyze
anatomy	pneumatics	analysis
astronomy	mathematics	parenthesis
geology	algebra	apostrophe
geometry	literature	synopsis
mineralogy	electricity †	synonym

175 (Review)

albuminous	electricity	noticeable
allopathic	epilepsy	oxidize
analysis	equilateral	paralysis
analyze	erysipelas	paralyze
anonymous	excessive	penetrate
apoplexy	flexibility	pleurisy
apparatus	flexible	pneumatics
appropriate	forcible	quarantine
artificial	fugitive	receptacle
barbarous	hemorrhage	salable
chemical	homeopathic	sciatica
chronometer	hydrophobia	stereopticon
comparative	illegible	successive
contemptible	innumerable	suggestive
corruptible	intelligible	symmetry
crystallize	isosceles	synonym
cylindrical	manageable	treacherous
decisive	marvelous	zoölogy

WORDS PRONOUNCED ALMOST ALIKE

palate	The palate bone.	profit	To sell at a profit.
palette	An artist's palette.	prophet	A weather prophet.
council	To hold a council.	barren	The soil is barren.
counsel	To give counsel.	baron	A German baron.
gamble	To gamble at cards.	carrot	A boiled carrot.
gambol	To gambol on the grass.	carat	It weighs a carat.

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(Review of Difficult Words)

abbreviate
abscess
abstinence
abyss
academy
accident
accommodate
accompaniment
accordion
accumulate
accuracy
acknowledgment
admission
advantageous
adventurous
albuminous
alcohol
allopathic
amateur
ambassador
ambitious
amethyst
ammunition
analyze
anniversary
anonymous
anthracite
antiseptic
anxiety
apologize
apoplexy
apparatus
apparent
appearance
appetite
appreciate
apprentice
appropriate
aqueduct
artificial
artillery
associate
asylum
barbarous
bayonet
behavior
beneficial
camellia
camomile
campaign
cantaloupe
capillary
centennial
ceremony
chameleon
chamois
chandelier
character
chemical
chemistry
chenille
chicory
chiffonier
chloroform
chronometer
chrysalis
chrysanthemum
cinnamon
circumference
civilize
cologne
commercial
commission
committee
communicate
comparative
compulsion
condescend
confidential
conscience
conscientious

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

conscious
contagious
contemptible
convalescent
conveyance
correspondence
corruptible
countenance
counterfeit
courageous
courteous
crescent
criticise
cruise
crystallize
curiosity
cylindrical
decisive
deficient
delicious
descend
develop
diameter
diaphragm
different
digestible
dimension
disappoint
discipline
discussion
dissatisfied
distillery
distinguish
divisible
dyspepsia
eccentric
economize
effervescent
electrician
electricity
embarrass
emigrant
emphasize
encyclopedia
enterprise
equilateral
equinoctial
equivalent
erysipelas
evaporate
exaggerate
exhaustion
exhibition
expedition
explanation
explicit
expression
extravagant
familiarity
farinaceous
fascinate
fashionable
fatigue
ferocious
financial
financier
flexibility
forcible
foreclosure
forfeit
fossilize
gayety
gaseous
glycerine
guarantee
guardian
hemisphere
hemorrhage
hiccough
homeopathic
hospital
hydrophobia
hygiene
illegible

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

illiterate
illuminate
illustrious
imagine
imitation
immense
immigrant
impartial
importance
inaugural
incandescent
incessant
independence
infectious
inflammable
initiate
innocent
innumerable
intellectual
intelligent
intelligible
intoxication
irrigate
irritable
isosceles
judgment
laborious
larynx
legible
legislature
leisure
library
license
lieutenant
liniment
liquefy
luscious
machinery
magician
magnetize
mahogany
malicious
manageable
maneuver
martyr
marvelous
massacre
medallion
melodeon
memorandum
merchandise
mignonette
military
militia
millinery
mischievous
mortgage
mosquito
mountainous
mucilage
murmur
musician
mutual
myrrh
naphtha
naturalize
necessary
necessitate
neuralgia
noticeable
nourishment
nuisance
obstacle
obstinacy
occasion
officer
omission
opposite
optician
orchestra
outrageous
oxidize
palatable
parallel

(Review of Difficult Words—*Continued*)

paralysis
paralyze
parliament
parody
partiality
particular
patient
pavilion
peculiar
penitentiary
perilous
permissible
permission
persevere
perspiration
petition
petroleum
photography
physical
physician
physiology
pleurisy
pneumatics
pneumonia
politician
porcelain
possession
possibility
poultice
precious
precipice
preparation
presidential
pretense
procession
profession
promontory
pronunciation
proprietor
pursuit
quarantine
rebellious
recede
receptacle
recognize
recollect
recommend
reference
refrigerator
regular
religious
repetition
reservoir
responsibility
rheumatism
ridiculous
sacrifice
salable
sapphire
schedule
scheme
sciatica
science
secede
secession
secrecy
secretary
seizure
sensible
separate
sergeant
siege
silesia
sincere
society
soldier
souvenir
sovereign
specie
spherical
stereopticon
strychnine
succession
sufficient

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

suffocate
suggestion
suicide
superintendent
superstitious
supervision
supplement
surgeon
survey
suspense
suspension
suspicion
suspicious
symmetry
sympathize
synonym
tension
therefore
thermometer
thoroughly
tonsilitis
tortoise
trachea
tragedy
traitor
treacherous
treasury
tyrannize
upholsterer
vaccinate
valise
vicious
victuals
villain
violoncello
visible
volunteer
warrior
yacht
zephyr
zoölogy

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(WORDS LIABLE TO BE MISPRONOUNCED) *

ac clī′māte
a nĕm′o ne
ap pa rā′tus
ap pâr′ent
at tor′ney (-tûr′)
bar bā′ri an
bōat′swăin
cham′ois (shăm′mȳ)
coụ′pon
coûrt′ē oŭs
coûrt′ē sȳ
cox′swāin
dĭ men′sion
dĭ ver′sion
dĭ vert′
ec′ze ma
ē lec tric′i ty
en cōre′ (äN-)
ē qui noc′tial
ex pĭ rā′tion
fĭ nance′
fĭ nan′cial
fū ṣee′
gen′ū ĭne

* The diacritical marks used are from Webster's International Dictionary.

(WORDS LIABLE TO BE MISPRONOUNCED — *Continued*)

hō mė o path′ic
hos′pi ta ble
hos′tĕl ry
il lū′mi nate
in au′gū ral
in ter nă′tion al
lab′ȯ ra to ry
lȳ cē′um
mat i née′ (nā′)
mer′can tĭle
ŏp pō′nent
re new′al
res′tau rȧnt
stė nog′rȧ phy
strych′nĭne
sub dūe′
trans pâr′ent
tro′che (-kē)
tur quoise′ (koiz′)
tȳ ran′nic al
vĭc′ar
zȯ ŏl′o gy

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178

aggregate	approximate	delegate	isolate†
arbitrate	contaminate	adequate	lubricate
captivate	desecrate	devastate†	manipulate
concentrate	designate	fluctuate	meditate
dedicate	facilitate	inebriate	participate
agitate	deliberate	subordinate	perpetrate

aggregate – aggregation* arbitrate – arbitration*

179

obscure	manifest	impede	cleanse[1a]
subtle	ascertain	ignite	converge
vague	solicit	transpire	diverge†
suppress	perceive[1a]	precede	dilate
specify	conceive	allege†	rectify
lucid	achieve	assume	relinquish

180

abominable	indescribable	intolerable	portable
creditable	adaptable	lamentable	venerable
deplorable	indispensable	parable	pliable
formidable†	inevitable	laudable	pitiable[3a]
habitable	inseparable	memorable	malleable

* See note (1), page 69.

† This sign indicates words liable to be mispronounced. See pages 114, 115.

181

revise	traverse	interpose	prophecy†
adverse	excise	fantasy	prophesy†
appraise	immerse	heresy	heritage
incense	adipose	autopsy	equipage
inverse	improvise	controversy	hermitage

traverse – traversing[1a]

182

adversary†	obituary	obvious
emissary	statuary	serious
arbitrary	veterinary†	ravenous
honorary	vocabulary	grievous
mercenary	voluntary	vigorous
hereditary	auxiliary	amphibious
judiciary	infamous†	promiscuous†
incendiary	monotonous	synonymous

183

feud	colonize[1a]	persecute[1a]	vanquish
warfare	oppress	furlough	sterling
mutiny	intercede	organize	steadfast
volunteer	intercept	besiege	tenacity
musketeer	intervene	battalion	sturdy
mutineer	neutrality	barricade	stalwart

The marks, 1 *a*, 2 *a*, 3 *a*, etc., indicate the rules on pages 127, 128, which should be studied in connection with these words.

184 (Review)

achieve	delegate	malleable
aggregate	desecrate	monotonous
agitate	emissary	neutrality
allege	equipage	organize
amphibious	furlough	perceive
appraise	grievous	persecute
approximate	hereditary	precede
ascertain	heresy	prophecy
auxiliary	impede	prophesy
barricade	improvise	ravenous
battalion	incense	serious
besiege	indispensable	synonymous
colonize	inseparable	tenacity
conceive	intercede	veterinary
controversy	intervene	voluntary
dedicate	judiciary	volunteer

HOMONYMS

sight	The ship is in sight.	lean	To lean on a cane.
site	The site of a house.	lien	A lien on a house.
cite	To cite an example.	feet	Three feet in a yard.
done	What have you done?	feat	A difficult feat.
dun	To dun for a debt.	sweet	Sugar is sweet.
mean	What do you mean?	suite	A suite of rooms.
mien	A noble mien.	rest	To take a rest.
throws	He throws a ball.	wrest	To wrest by force.
throes	The throes of death.		

185

assessor	competitor	conspirator	fissure
auditor	contributor	caricature	rapture
counselor	compositor	garniture	stature
solicitor	oppressor	censure	texture
chancellor	impostor	composure	aperture

186

accusation	persecution	assumption
complication	substitution	declamation
contortion	recognition	acquisition
combustion	equation†	destitution
commotion	competition	injunction
conception	civilization	confederation
congestion	consolidation	interpretation
prosecution	constellation	

prosecute – prosecution* substitute – substitution*
complicate – complication*

187

homicide	indict	bailiff	consign
assassin	condemn	liability	consignee
insurgent	victim	deficit†	bequeath
parole	vagabond	assess	bequest
stiletto†	guillotine	assignee†	annuity

* See note (1), page 69.

188

adherent	provident	recipient	reverence
competent	fraudulent	ingredient	divergence†
consequent	imminent	efficient	occurrence[2a]
eloquent	inherent†	proficient	conference
subsequent	prevalent	inference	coincidence

infer – inferring[2a] infer – inference[2b]
confer – conferring[2a] confer – conference[2b]

189

custodian	obsolete	electrify	volatile†
antiquarian	predecessor	pacify	infantile
laureate	metaphysics	rarefy	requisite
surrogate	orthodoxy	intensify	infinite
syndicate†	philanthropy†	reconcile	exquisite

190

achievement	audible	visible	aerial†
assessment	credible	plausible	colossal
consignment	eligible	reversible	neutral
impediment	indelible	upheaval	influential
temperament	predicament	optional	superficial
indictment	presentiment	essential	acquittal*

achieve – achieving[1a] achieve – achievement[1d]

* Acquittal is no exception to rule 2 *a*, as *u* here has the sound of *w*.

191 (Review)

accusation	counselor	interpretation
acquisition	declamation	metaphysics
aerial	deficit	obsolete
annuity	efficient	occurrence
aperture	eligible	philanthropy
assassin	essential	predecessor
assessor	exquisite	presentiment
assignee	fissure	prevalent
assumption	guillotine	rarefy
chancellor	homicide	recipient
civilization	imminent	reconcile
coincidence	impostor	requisite
competition	indelible	reversible
competitor	indictment	solicitor
conspirator	influential	superficial
constellation	intensify	visible

HOMONYMS

pole	A flag pole.	ought	We ought to do right.
poll	To poll votes.	aught	For aught I know.
load	A load of hay.	session	School is in session.
lode	A rich lode.	cession	The cession of land.
tear	To tear paper.	pendant	A diamond pendant.
tare	Allowance for tare.	pendent	A pendent locket.
scull	To scull a boat.	breach	A breach of trust.
skull	A human skull.	breech	The breech of a gun.

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myriad	unique	agile
contour	supreme	trapeze
minimum	circuit	bowling
maximum	pedestrian	billiards
herbarium	equestrian	wrestling
compendium	gymnastics	calisthenics
phenomenon	gymnasium	

193

accelerate *	ultimate	copious
alienate	vitiate	fictitious
enumerate	obviate	victorious [3a]
culminate	prolongate	oblivious
coagulate	reciprocate	obnoxious
exhilarate	scintillate	precocious
incorporate	fastidious	pretentious
procrastinate	commodious	presumptuous †

194

melancholy †	symptom	hygienic †	chloral
insomnia	bronchial	charlatan	stimulant
delirium	cerebral †	pharmacist	astringent
hypnotic	medicinal	antiseptic	cauterize
mesmerize	hydropathy †	anodyne	belladonna

* See note (1), page 69.

195

obscurity	simplicity	mobility	civility
identity	popularity	maturity	cordiality
capability	tranquillity*	impunity	vicinity
superiority	perplexity	commodity	velocity
veracity	dexterity	opportunity	propriety
uniformity	enormity	extremity	hilarity

196

lyric	jubilee†	ocular	effigy
rhythm	prologue†	wizard	graphic
symphony	libretto	phantom	disguise
serenade	acoustic	linguist	grotesque
masquerade	harmonize	ventriloquist	spectacular

197

pliant	tolerant	sustenance
pendant	luxuriant	maintenance†
flagrant	defiance[3a]	penance
descendant	allegiance	alliance
triumphant	reliance[3a]	substance
insignificant	pittance	grievance
arrogant	assurance[1a]	guidance[1a]
petulant	vengeance	perseverance

* Exception to rule 2 *a*.

198 (Review)

accelerate	disguise	phenomenon
acoustic	exhilarate	precocious
allegiance	fictitious	presumptuous
alliance	gymnastics	pretentious
anodyne	harmonize	reciprocate
assurance	hydropathy	rhythm
billiards	hygienic	scintillate
calisthenics	hypnotic	serenade
capability	luxuriant	simplicity
cauterize	maintenance	sustenance
charlatan	masquerade	symphony
circuit	medicinal	symptom
civility	melancholy	tranquillity
commodious	obnoxious	vengeance
delirium	opportunity	ventriloquist
descendant	perseverance	vitiate

HOMONYMS

cannon	The roar of a cannon.	ascent	A swift ascent.
canon	The canon of a church.	assent	To assent to a plan.
draught	To be in a draught.	shear	To shear sheep.
draft	To pay a draft.	sheer	A sheer muslin.
right	The right way.	veil	A lace veil.
write	To write a letter.	vale	A quiet vale.
wright	A wheelwright.	slight	A slight error.
rite	A religious rite.	sleight	By sleight of hand.

199

issue	fulfill	overwhelm	sinecure †
arraign	elapse	coincide	codicil
chagrin	concise	reprimand	memoir
succumb	construe	procedure	specific
convene	maintain †	aptitude	recompense
accompany	endeavor	privilege	characteristic

issue – issuing [15] construe – construing [15]

200

intuition	resurrection	indemnity
collation	retention	longevity
discretion	retribution	parity
exemption	revelation	piety
apparition	supposition	reciprocity †
acclamation	audacity	sensibility
litigation	complicity	proximity
preservation	duplicity	municipality

201

practitioner	prejudice	pallor	aerate
philosopher	populace	prior	exhale
astrologer	caprice	stupor	complexion
parishioner	excelsior	mulatto	respiratory
accomplice	languor	variegated †	asphyxiate

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delusion	profusion	incision	expulsion
allusion	conversion	oppression	illusion
ascension	contusion	persuasion	suppression
comprehension	concussion	abrasion	accession
condescension	depression	aversion	concession

delude – delusion* persuade – persuasion*

203

justifiable	conservative	oracle
negotiable	repulsive	righteous
reputable†	psychology	osseous
antagonize	meteorology	aqueous†
characterize	philology	herbaceous
neutralize	allegory	simultaneous†
aggressive	repertory	instantaneous
conducive	pinnacle	miscellaneous

204

caste	chivalry	perjury	socialism
nobility	gallantry	infamy	destiny
monarchy	gentility	intrigue	penniless
aristocrat	dauphin	notoriety	destitute
imperial	cavalier	felony	adversity
romantic	chevalier†	anarchy	vagrancy

* See note (1), page 69.

205 (Review)

accession	concession	osseous
acclamation	concussion	parishioner
accompany	condescension	prejudice
accomplice	construe	privilege
adversity	endeavor	procedure
aerate	excelsior	psychology
aggressive	exemption	reciprocity
allegory	expulsion	recompense
antagonize	fulfill	respiratory
apparition	herbaceous	resurrection
aqueous	instantaneous	revelation
arraign	justifiable	righteous
ascension	maintain	sensibility
asphyxiate	miscellaneous	simultaneous
characteristic	negotiable	succumb
chevalier	neutralize	supposition
codicil	notoriety	suppression
coincide	oppression	variegated

WORDS PRONOUNCED ALMOST ALIKE

symbols	Symbols of courage.	serial	A serial story.
cymbals	To play the cymbals.	cereal	Wheat is a cereal.
idyl	He wrote an idyl.	levy	To levy a tax.
idol	To worship an idol.	levee	To build a levee.

compliment	To pay a compliment.
complement	A complement of men.

206

oriental	official	credential	gladiator
continental	provincial	substantial	athlete
periodical	judicial	adjutant	domineer
perennial	memorial	defendant	absolute
municipal †	symmetrical	mendicant	

207

mammoth	sepulcher	mystic	annals
gigantic †	antediluvian †	casino	patriarch
statuesque	antiquity	spectral	Vatican
statuette	antiquated	crypt	Coliseum
mausoleum	emblematic	sphinx	symbolic

208

ludicrous	antecedent	recurrence [2a]
luminous	belligerent	subsistence
miraculous	omnipotent	temporary
omnivorous	reticent †	preliminary
preposterous	succulent	pulmonary
resinous	transient	sanguinary
scrupulous	phosphorescent	supplementary
venomous	reminiscence	parliamentary

HOMONYMS

moat	A wide moat.	rye	A field of rye.
mote	A mote in the eye.	wry	A wry face.

209

satellite	ossify	membrane	vehicle
meteor	corrode	cranium	chaise
lodestone	paraffine	pique	chariot
graphite	epidermis	antipathy	brougham
stalactite	corpuscle	postilion	barouche

210

cynical	radical	habitual	radiant
logical	typical	perpetual	significant
nominal	ethical	effectual	coercion
martial	prodigal	contestant	evasion*
incidental	remedial	reluctant	diversion
ceremonial	rhythmical	vigilant	revision

211

aristocracy	consistency	monotony
democracy	clemency	matrimony†
diplomacy	deficiency	accessory
confederacy	efficiency	contradictory
supremacy	proficiency	peremptory
brilliancy	piracy	promissory
buoyancy†	bankruptcy	interrogatory
constancy	monotone	declamatory

* See note (1), page 69.

212 (Review)

accessory	effectual	reminiscence
antecedent	efficiency	rhythmical
antediluvian	gigantic	sanguinary
barouche	judicial	satellite
belligerent	mausoleum	sepulcher
brilliancy	miraculous	significant
buoyancy	municipal	stalactite
ceremonial	official	substantial
coercion	ossify	succulent
Coliseum	paraffine	supplementary
confederacy	periodical	symbolic
consistency	phosphorescent	symmetrical
corpuscle	postilion	transient
cynical	preliminary	typical
defendant	promissory	vehicle
deficiency	recurrence	venomous

HOMONYMS

marshal	Marshal of the field.	feign	To feign sickness.
martial	A martial nation.	fane	To worship at a fane.
radical	A radical change.	fain	He would fain do it.
radicle	The radicle of a plant.	peak	A high peak.
maze	Lost in a maze.	pique	To act from pique.
maize	A field of maize.	ark	Noah's ark.
ode	An ode to the moon.	arc	The arc of a circle.
owed	He owed ten dollars.		

213

scholastic	theorize	sterilize
rhetoric	philosophize	utilize
technical	systematize	defaulter
technicality	patronize	usurer
theory	monopoly	plaintiff
theoretical	monopolize	client
generality	demoralize	prosecute
generalize	dramatize	testimony†

214

satiate	negotiate	submissive
alleviate	officiate	corrosive
assimilate	precipitate	offensive
collegiate	abdicate	oppressive
confederate	advocate	competitive
intricate	incentive	preventative
humiliate	appreciative	perspective
predominate	demonstrative	consecutive

215

theological	apostle	fanaticism	divine
theology	deity	heretic†	divinity
doctrine	parochial	hypocrite	surplice
sectarian	celestial	humility	orthodox
disciple	idolatry	millennium	tabernacle

216

abstemious †	luxurious	veracious †	impervious
harmonious	ingenious †	unconscious	judicious
hilarious	capacious †	gratuitous	callous
notorious	officious	disastrous	dexterous
delirious	tenacious †	conspicuous	impetuous
mysterious	capricious	superfluous †	populous

217

protectorate	coerce	remittance [2a]	catastrophe
pioneer	accede	subpœna	stampede
refugee	concede	affidavit	edible
strategy	respite †	projectile	susceptible
artifice	retrieve	pyrotechnics	tangible
armistice	ordinance	derelict †	crucible

218

dilution * †	insurrection	intangible
perception	jurisdiction	perceptible
refraction	strangulation	infallible
provocation	realization	combustible
proclamation	federation	indestructible
organization	precaution	inexhaustible
determination	accessible	irresponsible
inspiration	incorrigible	comprehensible

* See note (1), page 69.

219 (Review)

abstemious	derelict	negotiate
accede	disciple	offensive
accessible	generalize	officiate
affidavit	gratuitous	organization
alleviate	hypocrite	patronize
appreciative	impervious	perceptible
armistice	incorrigible	precipitate
artifice	indestructible	pyrotechnics
assimilate	inexhaustible	realization
capacious	infallible	satiate
capricious	ingenious	scholastic
catastrophe	insurrection	sterilize
collegiate	intangible	subpœna
competitive	irresponsible	susceptible
comprehensible	judicious	systematize
concede	millennium	tangible
conspicuous	monopolize	technical
delirious	mysterious	unconscious

HOMONYMS

seed	The seed of a plant.	faint	Faint with hunger.
cede	To cede territory.	feint	To make a feint.
wave	To wave a flag.	auger	A carpenter's auger.
waive	To waive one's rights.	augur	To augur success.
cast	To cast away.	brute	A savage brute.
caste	A high caste.	bruit	To bruit about.

fort	A well-manned fort.
forte	Singing is her forte.

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abbreviate
abscess
abstemious
abstinence
academy
accelerate
accessible
accession
acclamation
accommodate
accompany
accomplice
accumulate
accuracy
acoustic
acquisition
admission
advantageous
aerial
aggregate
aggressive
agitate
albuminous
allege
allegiance
allegory
alleviate
alliance
ambassador
ambitious
amethyst
ammunition
amphibious
analyze
anniversary
annuity
anodyne
anonymous
antagonize
antecedent
antediluvian
aperture
apologize
apoplexy
apparatus
apparent
apparition
appetite
appraise
appreciative
appropriate
approximate
aqueous
armistice
arraign
artificial
artillery
ascension
ascertain
asphyxiate
assassin
assessor
assignee
assimilate
associate
assumption
asylum
auxiliary
barouche
barricade
battalion
bayonet
behavior
belligerent
beneficial
besiege
billiards
brilliancy
buoyancy
calisthenics
camellia

(Review of Difficult Words — *Continued*)

campaign
cantaloupe
capacious
capillary
capricious
catastrophe
centennial
ceremony
chameleon
chancellor
chandelier
characteristic
charlatan
chasm
chemistry
chenille
chevalier
chiffonier
chloroform
chronometer
chrysalis
chrysanthemum
circuit
civilization
codicil
coercion
coincidence
Coliseum
commercial
commission
committee
commodious
communicate
comparative
competition
competitive
comprehensible
concession
concussion
condescension
confidential
conscience
conscientious
conscious
constellation
contagious
contemptible
controversy
convalescent
conveyance
correspondence
corruptible
counselor
countenance
counterfeit
courageous
courteous
crescent
criticise
crystallize
cylindrical
cynical
decisive
deficiency
deficit
delicious
delirious
derelict
descendant
desecrate
develop
diaphragm
digestible
disappoint
disciple
discipline
divisible
dyspepsia
eccentric
economize
effervescent
efficiency
eligible
emissary

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

endeavor
electrician
electricity
embarrass
emigrant
emphasize
equilateral
equinoctial
equivalent
erysipelas
essential
evaporate
exaggerate
excelsior
exhaustion
exhibition
exhilarate
expedition
explicit
expression
exquisite
extravagant
familiarity
farinaceous
fascinate
fashionable
fatigue
ferocious
fictitious
financial
financier
forcible
foreclosure
fossilize
fulfill
glycerine
gratuitous
guarantee
guardian
guillotine
hemorrhage
herbaceous
hereditary
heresy
homicide
hospital
hydropathy
hydrophobia
hygienic
hypnotic
hypocrite
illegible
illiterate
illuminate
illustrious
imitation
immigrant
imminent
impartial
impervious
inaugural
incandescent
incessant
incorrigible
indelible
independence
indestructible
indictment
indispensable
inexhaustible
infallible
infectious
inflammable
influential
ingenious
initiate
innumerable
inseparable
instantaneous
insurrection
intangible
intelligent
intelligible
intercede

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interpretation
intoxication
irresponsible
irrigate
irritable
isosceles
judicial
judiciary
judicious
legible
library
lieutenant
liquefy
luscious
luxuriant
machinery
magician
magnetize
maintain
maintenance
malicious
malleable
maneuver
marvelous
masquerade
massacre
mausoleum
medallion
medicinal
melancholy
melodeon
metaphysics
mignonette
military
militia
millennium
millinery
miscellaneous
mischievous
monotonous
mortgage
mosquito
mountainous
mucilage
murmur
musician
mysterious
naphtha
necessitate
negotiate
neuralgia
neutralize
nuisance
obnoxious
obsolete
officiate
opportunity
opposite
optician
osseous
outrageous
oxidize
palatable
paraffine
parallel
paralysis
paralyze
parishioner
parliament
partiality
patient
pavilion
peculiar
penitentiary
perceptible
perilous
permissible
perseverance
perspiration
petition
phenomenon
philanthropy
phosphorescent
physician

(REVIEW OF DIFFICULT WORDS — *Continued*)

physiology
pleurisy
pneumatics
pneumonia
politician
porcelain
possession
possibility
postilion
precede
precious
precipice
precipitate
precocious
predecessor
prejudice
preliminary
preparation
presumptuous
pretentious
privilege
procedure
procession
profession
promontory
pronunciation
prophecy
prophesy
proprietor
psychology
pursuit
pyrotechnics
quarantine
rarefy
ravenous
rebellious
recede
receptacle
reciprocity
recollect
recommend
recompense
reconcile
recurrence
reference
religious
reminiscence
repetition
reservoir
responsibility
resurrection
reversible
rheumatism
rhythmical
ridiculous
righteous
sacrifice
salable
sanguinary
sapphire
satellite
satiate
schedule
scheme
sciatica
scintillate
secede
secession
secrecy
secretary
seizure
sensible
separate
sepulcher
sergeant
serious
silesia
simultaneous
society
solicitor
souvenir
sovereign
spherical
stalactite

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stereopticon
sterilize
strychnine
subpœna
succession
succulent
succumb
sufficient
suggestion
suicide
superficial
superintendent
superstitious
supervision
supplementary
surgeon
susceptible
suspicious
sustenance
symbolic
symmetrical
sympathize
symphony
symptom
synonym
synonymous
systematize
tableau
tangible
technical
tenacity
therefore
thermometer
thoroughly
tortoise
tranquillity
transient
treacherous
treasury
tyrannize
vaccinate
valise
variegated
vehicle
vengeance
venomous
ventriloquist
veterinary
vicious
victuals
villain
violoncello
visible
vitiate
voluntary
volunteer
warrior
zephyr
zoölogy

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(Words Liable to be Mispronounced)*

ab stē′mi ous
ad′vĕr sa ry
ā ē′ri al
al lĕge′
an te dĭ lū′vi an
ā′que ous
as sĭgn ee′
buoy′an cy (bwoi′-)
ca pā′cious

* The diacritical marks used are from Webster's International Dictionary.

(WORDS LIABLE TO BE MISPRONOUNCED — *Continued*)

cer′ė bral
chev a liēr′(shĕv-)
def′ĭ cit
dĕr′e lict
dev′*as* tate
dĭ lū′tion
dĭ verge′
dĭ ver′gence
e qua′tion(-shŭn)
for′mĭ da ble
ġĭ gan′tic
hĕr′ė tic
hy drop′a thy
hy gĭ ĕn′ic
in′fa mous
in gēn′ious
in hēr′ent
ĭs′o late
jū′bĭ lee
mȧin tain′
māin′tė nance
mat′ri mȯ ny
mel′an chŏl y
mu nic′i pal
phi lan′thro py
pre sump′tū oŭs
prō′lŏgue
pro mis′cū oŭs
proph′e cy̆
proph′e sȳ
rĕc i proc′i ty
rep′ū ta ble
res′pĭte
rĕt′ĭ cent
sī mul tā′ne ous
sī′ne cūre
stĭ let′to
su per′flū oŭs
syn′di cȧte
te nā′cious
tes′ti mȯ ny
vā′rĭ e ga ted
ve rā′cious
vĕt′er i na ry
vol′a tĭle

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

(For Use beyond the Eighth Year)

abeyance
abstruse
acetic
acidulate
acquiesce
affable
affiliate
affinity
affluence
aggrandize
alacrity
alignment
altercation
amalgamation
amanuensis
ambiguous
ameliorate
analogous
analogy
animosity
annihilate
anomaly
antithesis
appendage
applicable
apportion
apprehension
aquiline
archive
arduous
arraignment
ascetic
aspirant
atrocious
atrocity
audacious
auditory
aureole
auspicious
austere
avaricious
badinage
barrister
beguile
beneficence
beneficiary
benign
blasphemous
category
celerity
chaos
chirography
chronicle
circuitous
clamorous
clique
coalesce
cognizant
cohesion
collateral
colleague
collodion
colloquial
collusion
commensurate
commentary
commissary
comparable
compassionate
compatible
competency
complacent
composite
compunction
conceivable
concentric
conciliate
concomitant

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concordance
concurrent
conduit
confluence
conformable
conformity
congeal
conjecture
consciousness
consecrate
consequential
constituency
consummate
contemporaneous
contemporary
contiguous
contingency
convertible
Corinthian
cornucopia
corollary
correlation
corroborate
corrugate
coterie
covetous
credulous
criterion
crucial
culinary
curriculum
cursory
dearth
débris
decorous
decrepitude
defalcation
defamation
deferential
degenerate
degradation
deleterious
delineate
delinquent
deliverance
demagogue
demeanor
deprecate
depreciate
derision
derogatory
despicable
deteriorate
detriment
diabolical
digression
diminutive
disburse
discernible
disciplinary
disconcert
disconsolate
discordant
discourse
discrepancy
discriminate
disparage
disparity
dispensation
disseminate
dissension
dissertation
dissuade
diurnal
diverse
diversify
domicile
dominant
dubious
dynasty
ebullition
eccentricity
ecclesiastic
economics

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ecstasy
efficacious
efficacy
efflorescent
effrontery
effusion
elegy
eliminate
elixir
ellipsis
elucidate
emaciate
emanate
embellish
embezzle
emblazon
embrasure
emolument
emulation
emulsion
encumbrance
enervate
enveigle
environment
ephemeral
epicure
episode
epistle
equanimity
equilibrium
equitable
equivocal
erroneous
ethereal
eulogize
exchequer
exemplary
exemplify
exigency
exonerate
exorbitant
exorcise
expedient
expedite
extemporaneous
exterminate
extraneous
extricate
exuberant
exultant
fabricate
fabulous
facetious
fallacious
fallacy
feasible
febrile
felicity
felonious
filament
fortitude
fundamental
futility
gratuity
habituate
hallucination
herculean
hierarchy
hieroglyphic
homogeneous
hyperbole
hypochondriac
hypothesis
hysterical
iconoclast
idealize
idyllic
ignominious
immunity
impenetrable
impetus
impromptu
impugn
incapacitate

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incarcerate
incipient
incongruous
incredulous
incriminate
indebtedness
indefatigable
indigenous
indigent
individuality
ingenuous
ingratiate
iniquity
initiative
innocuous
inquisition
insatiable
insatiate
instigate
intimidate
intricacy
invalidate
invincible
inviolate
irascible
iridescent
ironical
irrelevant
irreparable
irrepressible
irresistible
irrespective
irritant
jeopardize
labyrinth
lacerate
lachrymose
languish
lassitude
laudatory
legendary
legitimate
lethargy
limitation
lineage
liquidate
logarithm
loquacious
lucrative
luminary
magnanimity
magnanimous
manifestation
marauder
marquetry
materialize
matriculate
mediator
medicate
mediocrity
metamorphose
metaphor
misanthrope
mitigate
mnemonics
mollify
monograph
monologue
munificence
mysticism
naïve
necropolis
neurotic
nihilism
nocturnal
nonentity
nonpareil
noxious
nurture
obligatory
obliterate
oleaginous
olfactory
oligarchy

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ominous
omniscient
onerous
optimist
oracular
ornithology
oscillate
ostensible
ostentatious
ostracize
pageant
palliate
pandemonium
parsimonious
patrician
patrimony
paucity
pecuniary
pedagogue
pedagogy
penurious
permeate
pernicious
perquisite
pertinacity
pertinent
perusal
perverse
phlegmatic
phraseology
physiognomy
physique
piquant
plagiarism
platitude
plebeian
plenipotentiary
poniard
posthumous
potential
precarious
precedent
precipitation
precursor
predestination
predominant
premises
premonitory
prerogative
prestidigitator
prestige
primitive
priority
prodigious
prohibitory
proprietary
proscenium
prototype
providential
psychical
puerile
purloin
pursuant
purveyor
putrefaction
pygmy
querulous
quiescent
raillery
ramification
rapacious
realm
reciprocal
recreant
rectitude
recumbent
redundant
refractory
relegate
relevant
remonstrance
remunerate
renegade
renunciation

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reparable
reparation
repellent
repletion
repository
reprehensible
repression
repudiate
requisition
rescind
residuary
residue
resonant
resplendent
restorative
resumption
resuscitate
retrogression
reversion
revulsion
rhapsody
rhetorical
saccharine
sacrament
sacrilege
sacrilegious
salicylic
salient
salubrious
sanctimonious
sanguine
saponaceous
sarcophagus
satirical
scrutinize
sedentary
seditious
silhouette
sinuous
sobriety
sociology
solecism
solicitous
soliloquize
somnambulist
sonorous
sophistry
sophomore
specialize
specification
spiritual
spirituous
spontaneity
spontaneous
spurious
statistician
stereotype
stethoscope
strenuous
stupefaction
stylographic
subordination
subservient
subsidiary
substantiate
subterfuge
succor
supercilious
supersede
surfeit
surmise
surreptitious
surveillance
syllogism
symposium
syncope
synthesis
taciturn
tautology
tempestuous
tenable
terrestrial
tessellate
topography

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tournament
tractable
transition
transitory
treatise
troubadour
tympanum
typographical
unanimity
utilitarian
vacillate
valiant
vehement
vernacular
versatile
vicarious
vicissitude
vignette
virtual
virulent
visionary
vivacious
vociferous
volition
voluminous

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The following list includes at least the vast majority of geographical names, of general importance in America, requiring special drill in spelling.

It is suggested that individual teachers select from this list the words needed for their respective grades; add thereto those of local interest; concentrate the drill upon these words, and teach incidentally other terms as they are called for in written work. Such a procedure will guard against the waste involved in indiscriminate drill upon the spelling of geographical names.

Aberdeen
Abyssinia
Adirondack
Algiers
Alleghany
Allegheny
Amazon
America
Annapolis
Antarctic
Antwerp
Appalachian
Ararat
Argentina
Arizona
Arkansas
Asia
Auckland
Azores
Babylon
Bahià
Balkan
Baltimore
Baluchistan
Bangkok
Barbados
Barcelona
Bering
Belgium
Berkshire
Birmingham
Boise
Bolivia
Bordeaux
Borneo
Bosphorus
Brighton
Brindisi
Brooklyn
Brussels
Buenos Aires
Cairo
Calais
California
Cambridge
Cape Verde
Caribbean
Carpathian
Carthage
Catskill
Champlain
Channel
Charlotte
Chattanooga
Chesapeake
Cheyenne
Chicago

Chile
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Clyde
Cologne
Colombia
Colorado
Columbia
Columbus
Connecticut
Constantinople
Dakota
Dayton
Delaware
Des Moines
Detroit
Dnieper
Ecuador
Edinburgh
Egypt
England
Erie
Ethiopia
Euphrates
Galicia
Gibraltar
Glasgow
Gloucester
Greece
Greenwich
Guatemala
Guiana
Guinea
Haiti
Hamburg
Havana
Havre
Hawaii
Hawaiian Islands
Honduras
Honolulu
Houston
Huron
Illinois
Indianapolis
Iowa
Ireland
Itasca
Jamaica
Kamchatka
Kentucky
Kissingen
Labrador
Lackawanna
Leavenworth
Lehigh
Leipzig
Lincoln
Lorraine
Los Angeles
Louisiana
Lucerne
Lynchburg
Macedonia
Mackinac
Madagascar
Madeira
Maine
Mainz
Malay
Manhattan
Manitoba
Marseilles
Maryland
Massachusetts
Melbourne
Merrimac
Michigan
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Mobile
Monongahela
Montana
Mont Blanc

Montpelier
Montreal
Munich
Natchez
Newfoundland
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Orleans
New Zealand
Niagara
Nicaragua
Nova Scotia
Nuremberg
Oceania
Oklahoma
Omaha
Oregon
Orinoco
Ottawa
Pacific
Patagonia
Persia
Philadelphia
Philippine
Pittsburg
Platte
Plymouth
Pompeii
Portsmouth
Portugal
Potomac
Poughkeepsie
Prague
Providence
Prussia
Quebec
Quito
Raleigh
Rhine
Rhode Island
Rhone
Rio de Janeiro
Rio de la Plata
Rochester
Roumania
Russia
Sacramento
Saginaw
St. Lawrence
St. Louis
St. Petersburg
Salvador
San Francisco
Santa Cruz
Santa Fé
Santiago
Savannah
Saxony
Scandinavia
Schenectady
Scilly Islands
Seattle
Sevastopol
Seine
Senegambia
Shenandoah
Sicily
Sierra Nevada
Silesia
Sinai
Singapore
Sioux City
Smyrna
Southampton
Stockholm
Suez
Susquehanna
Syracuse
Tallahassee
Tennessee
Thames
Thuringia
Ticonderoga
Transvaal
Trieste
Trinidad
Turkestan

Tyrol
Uruguay
Utah
Valparaiso
Vancouver
Venezuela
Venice
Versailles
Vienna
Vladivostok
Washington
Waterloo
Westphalia
Winnipeg
Wisconsin
Worcester
Wurttemberg
Wyoming
Yangtze
Yokohama
Yosemite
Yukon
Zambezi
Zanzibar
Zurich

RULES

1. Rules relating to the dropping or retaining of final *e*.

(*a*) Words ending in *e* preceded by a consonant usually drop *e* on taking a suffix beginning with a vowel. (See rule *c*.) EXAMPLE: move, moving.

(*b*) Words ending in *ue* drop *e* on taking any suffix. EXAMPLES: argue, arguing; true, truly.

(*c*) Words ending in *ce* or *ge* retain *e* on adding *able, ably,* or *ous*. EXAMPLES: change, changeable; courage, courageous; notice, noticeable.

(*d*) Most words ending in *e* retain *e* on taking a suffix beginning with a consonant. (See rules *b* and *e*.) EXAMPLE: move, movement.

(*e*) Words ending in *dge* drop *e* on taking any suffix. EXAMPLES: judge, judging; judge, judgment.

The noteworthy exceptions to the above rules are: singeing, tingeing, vagueness, vaguely, awful, wholly.

2. Rules relating to the doubling of the final consonant.

(*a*) Monosyllables and words accented on the last syllable, ending in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, usually double the final consonant on taking a suffix beginning with a vowel. (See rule *b*, on the next page.) (Other words do not double the final consonant.) EXAMPLES: run, running; forgot, forgotten.

(*b*) Words in which the accent is thrown back upon another syllable, after the derivative is formed, do not double the final consonant. EXAMPLES: prefer, preference; refer, reference.

Final *x* is never doubled, being itself equivalent to the two consonants *ks*.

The noteworthy exceptions to the above rules are: gases, gaseous, transferable, crystallize, cancellation, tranquillity, woolly.

3. Rules relating to the retaining or changing of final *y*.

(*a*) Words ending in *y* preceded by a consonant retain *y* on taking a suffix beginning with *i*; but on taking a suffix beginning with any other letter, *y* is in most cases changed to *i*. (See rule *b*.) In forming the plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs, *y* is changed to *i* and *es* is added. EXAMPLES: cry, crying; lazy, laziness; duty, dutiable; country, countries; try, tries.

(*b*) Adjectives of one syllable ending in *y* preceded by a consonant retain the *y* on taking any suffix. EXAMPLES: shy, shyness; sly, slyest.

(*c*) Words ending in *y* preceded by a vowel retain *y* on taking any suffix. EXAMPLES: obey, obeyed; joy, joyful; valley, valleys; play, plays.

The exceptions to rule *a* are words not in common use, as: duteous, piteous, beauteous, etc.

The exceptions to rule *b* are: drier, driest.

The exceptions to rule *c* are: daily, laid, paid, said.

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